OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres told French President Jacques Chirac on Monday that elections in Palestinian autonomous remitories would take place as scheduled in January, aides of Mr. Chirac said. They said Mr. Chirac had a 50-minute meeting with Mr. Peres after the funeral of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "The prime minister indicated the elections in the territories would go ahead at the scheduled date of Jan. 20," one aide said. They quoted Mr. Peres as saying he hoped redeployment of Israeli troops in the occupied territories would be completed by the year-end despite a heavy schedule. They said Mr. Chirac, who was the first foreign head of state to meet Mr. Peres after the funeral, voiced his conviction that Israel would pursue the peace process. The two leaders discussed various aspects of the peace process, including with Syria and Lebanon, and the forthcoming Barcelona cooference in the Mediterranean. The aides said Mr. Chirac described the conference as a major opportunity for peace for all Mediterra-

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World bids farewell to Yitzhak Rabin

Slain Israeli leader laid to rest after emotional eulogies in West Jerusalem

agency ling to ITAR. TO THE WAIL of sirens and culogies by world leaders, Israel oo Mooday buried its slain Prime Minister Yizzhak Rabin, assassinated by a fellow Jew who opposed his peace with Palestinians.

Soldiers and statesmen ITAR-TASS of ble source as a sobbed as mourners ranging from U.S. President Bill Clinton to Mr. Rabin's ganddaughter praised the prime minister who died for Middle

Mr. Clinton, King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said the greatest memorial for Mr. Rabin woold be to continue his drive to end half a century of Arab-Israeli fighting.
The whole of Israel stood

in silent tribute for two minutes when sirens that each year commemorate the Nazi holocaust marked the start of eader says het a Jerusalem hilltop. Seven soldiers fired three volleys over the grave of the former army commander to conclude the emotional ceremony.

Some 4.500 mourners stood beneath the pines and cypresses of Mount Herzl national cemetery where Mr. Rabin, hit by two bullets at a Tel Aviv peace rally on Saturday night, was laid to rest. Only a small group of relatives and dignitaries were allowed to the graveside where they put earth onto the

flag-draped coffin.
Tens of thousands of Israelis stunned that a fellow Jew had broken a taboo on spilling Jewish blood, bad folthurch. But lowed the cortege to the

> "Today my fellow citizens of the world I ask all of you to take a good, hard look at this picture," said Mr. Clinton. wearing a black Jewish skull-

"Look at the leaders from all over the Middle East and around the world who have journeyed here today for Yitzhak Rabin and for peace. Though we no longer hear his deep and booming voice, it is he who has brought us together again here in word and deed for peace." Mr.

Clinton said with emotion. Mr. Clinton, presidents, monarchs and representatives from some 50 countries.

Combined agency dispatches including six Arab states, were protected by more than 10,000 soldiers and police, the heaviest security seeo in the Holy City. Mr. Rabin's peace partner Yasser Arafat sent senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials to represent bim, citing security concerns.

Mr. Rabin's aide and speechwriter of 35 years. Eytan Haber, read from the blood-soaked song sheet Mr. Rabin had to his pocket when he was shot by Yigal Amir, a 25-year-old student and supporter of Jewish settlers in

'So sing the song of peace, don't wbisper a prayer. It is better to sing the song of peace with a great shout," Haber read. Shortly after Mr. Rabin sang these words at a mass peace rally, he was struck by two dumdum bul-

'You lived as a soldier, you died as a soldier for peace," King Hussein told the mourners. "I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and speak about

Mr. Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, said the funeral of Mr. Rabin was a sign that his three-year effort was bearing fruit, "This is the erowning glory of your efforts, all of us here together," Mr. Peres said. Goodbye older brother,

farewell. We will continue to carry the message of peace to near and far as you wanted in your life and bequeathed in your deatb," said Mr. Peres. Mr. Peres, who shared the Nobel Prize with Mr. Rabin last year, said of his old comrade: "He was a courageous who created a new reality in

Mr. Peres said Mr. Rabin warned him of an assassination threat as they stood

together at a peace rally. You told me there are warnings of an assassination attempt at the large rally. We did not know wbo would strike. We did not imagine the harm would be so great. But we knew we must not fear death and we must not hesitate for peace," Mr.

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Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, along with Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his wife and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter among others attend Monday's funeral in West Jerusalem of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (AFP photo)

King, Peres meet, say Rabin's death strengthens determination for peace

WEST JERUSALEM (Agencies) - His Majesty Kiog Hussein on Monday received at the King David Hotel in West Jerusalem Israel's acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres and discussed and the latest developments

King Hussein and Mr. Peres stressed the need to advance the peace process and overcome all obstacles impeding it.

The two also agreed that the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will make Jordan, Israel and all other parties interested in peace io the region more determined to cootinue the peace process in order to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, the Jordan News

Agency, Petra, reported. The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Royal Court Chief Marwan Al

The King also received at Minister Yohei Kono and the delegation accompanying

The Japanese minister voiced his country's support for Jordan and the peace process and paid tribute to the Kiog's key role in the

The two sides stressed the need to exert all efforts to acbieve comprehensive development in the region. The meeting was attended by Sharif Zeid, Mr. Qasem

and Foreign Minister Abdul Their Majesties King Hus-

sein and Queen Noor also offered their condolences to Leah Rabin, wife of the assassinated Israeli premier and to members of his family. The King and Quceo and the delegation accompanying

home late Monday. The King and Queen and the delegacion restricted the

trip to West Jerusalem, refusing to travel to the Arab East for "political reasons," Sharif The King delivered ao

emotional eulogy at the funeral of Mr. Rabin.

"The King has known and appreciated Yitzhak Rabin as a man of bis word. They worked together a lot to achieve peace. He will miss him a lot." said Foreign Minister Kabario. Even the delegation had

been affected by Mr. Rabin's death and the King's grief. "The death of Yitzhak Rabin has affected me, because of the loss of a man and because of the King's suffer-

ing," said one of the Jorda-Even though it was only a stone's throw from his hotel the King did not visit Arab East Jerusalem or the boly site of the Al Aqsa Mosque, where his grandfather King Abdullah was murdered be-

fore his eyes io 1951. "The King is not planning to go to the eastern part of Jerusalem during bis visit to Israel," Sbarif Zeid told

"For political reasons, the King wants to avoid going to East Jerusalem, which was part of the Hashemite Kingdom from 1950," be added.

King reaffirms pledge to stay course of peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Monday said the late Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had lived like a soldier and died as a soldier for peace and implicitly called on the Arab World to seek peace with Israel.

The Kiog, who spoke after Israeli President Ezer Weizman at Mr. Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem, said Mr. Rabin, who was gunned dowo by a Jewish terrorist in Tel Aviv on Saturday, had "courage ... vision and ... commitment to

"Standing here, I commit before you, before my people in Jordan, and before the world, myself to continue to do the utmost to ensure that we shall leave a similar lega-cy," the King told the 2,500 world leaders gathered to pay homage to Mr. Rabin.

Mourning the loss of a brother, a colleague and a friend," the King said: "I believe it is time for all of us to come out openly and to speak out for peace. Not here today, but for all times to come. We belong to the camp of peace, we believe in

The King was accompanied to the funeral by Her Majesty Queen Noor, Prime Minister Royal Court Chief Marwan Qasem, former prime ministers Abdul Salam Majali and Zeid Rifai, King's advisors, Mohammad Rasoul Keilani, Humeidi Al Fayez. Foreigo Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Tahsin Shurdum, Fayez Tarawneb, Jordanian ambassador to the U.S., President of the Amman Chamber of Industry Khaldoun Abu Hassan and President of the Amman Chamber of Commerce Haider Murad

and Israeli Ambassdor to Jor-

dan Shimon Shamir and several members of the

The King said in his eulogy that it was ironical that his first visit to Jerusalem since 1967 was to attend the funeral of a man who made peace with Jordan.

"Never in all my thoughts would it occur to me that my first visit to Jerusalem in response to your invitation, the invitation of the speaker of the Knesset, the invitation of the president of Israel, would be on such an occasion," said the King.

He condemned those who "live in darkness, who are the enemies of life "and wished that too would join in the peace camp.

"We are not ashamed and we are not frightened, nor are we anything but deter-mined to fulfil the legacy for which my friend fell as did my grandfather in this very city

when I was but a young boy. Mr. Rabin, he said, was a man of courage, a man of vision." The King pledged on behalf of the people of Jordan, my family, the Hashemite family and all in the peace camp" that the fight for peace would go on. Following are major ex-

cerpts from the King's speech:
"I never thought that the when I would grieve the loss of a brother, a colleague and a friend, a man, a soldier who

met us on the opposite side of a divide, who we respected as he respected us, a man I came to know because I realise as he did that we had to cross over the divide, establish the dialogue and strive to leave also for us a legacy that is wortby of him. "And so he did. And so we

became brethren and friends. I have never been used to standing except with you next

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Arafat mourns 'brave' friend as tributes continue to pour in

Combined agency dispatches

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not give this chance to the fanatics, the enemies of the peace process to achieve their

Mr. Arafat bas never been

allowed to set foot in Jerusalem, which both Israel and the Palestinians claim as their capital, sioce he returned to the territories in July 1994. Nabil Shaath, minister of international cooperation wbo attended the funerat, said the self-rule authority

had full confidence io Mr. "We have confidence in Sbimon Peres and we have assurances that the peace process will continue until its end," Dr. Shaath said.

Mr. Arafat's ministers of economy, local government and civilian affairs were also at the funeral in West Jeru-

Mr. Arafat, looking grim and tired, watched the funeral of his partner in peace, on television at his seaside office in Gaza City.

'He was quite moved. He said, "we have lost a cousin. It's a tragedy," said an Arafat

In his interview with CNN. Mr. Arafat said: "What has bappened was painful for all of us but his will give us the lesson and the strength to continue in the peace pro-

Mr. Arafat has been embarrassed by praise for the killing of Mr. Rabin by leaders of the hardline Islamie Jihad and Hamas movements, and PLO police have he said, adding that "we must tried to keep reporters from

peace process about Mr. Rabin's slaying.

Nafez Azzam, a leader of Islamic Jibad, said his group has not changed its position on Mr. Rabin's assassination, calling it a "just revenge for what he has done to our

Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar said Mr. Arafat could not stop the Palestinians from expressing their feelings about Mr. Rabin's death.

"No one can kill the emotions of the people. Just as the Israelis are expressing their emotions by going to the funeral, many Palestinians are expressing their true emotions about Mr. Rabin's death. How can you stop a mother whose son was killed by an Israeli soldier

from being bappy at Rabin's death," Dr. Zahar said. Tunisia said it "deeply deplores" the assassination of Mr. Rabin and condemned his killing as a "criminal act.".

The foreign ministry denounced "terrorism and violence" in all forms and from wherever it comes, a communique said.

It said Tunisia had "full confidence" that the Middle East peace process would continue despite Rabin's death. Tunis sent its Jordanian ambassador Izeddine Al Ker-

keni, to Mr. Rabin's funeral. Mr. Kerkeni was the most senior Tunisian official ever to set foot on Israeli soil. The General conference of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisa-tion (UNESCO) was holding a special session to pay homage to Mr. Rabin on Mon-

In 1993 Mr. Rabin was awarded UNESCO's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Prize for the pursuit of peace, jointly awarded that year to Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat.

Former French President Francois Mitterrand sent his condolences to Israel's mourning leaders, saying the peace process must not be disrupted by the murder of

"All my wishes go towards your country. I have confidence in peace and I have confidence in your people, he said in a letter to Mr. The French National

nute's silence in tribute to Mr. Rabin, as he was being buried in Jerusalem. Session chairwoman Nicole Catala, opening proceedings with a request for a minute's silence, said the parliament

"addressed our condolences

Assembly observed a mi-

to the Israeli people and parliament." A message from National Assembly Speaker Philippe Seguin to the speaker of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, was read out to deputies present, "With him a

The World Council of Churches (WCC), often critical of Israeli policies on

craftsman of peace is gone,"

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International leaders, aide and family pay homage to Rabin

WORLD leaders, including U.S. President Bill Clinton, His Majesty King Hussein, Israeli President Ezer Weizman and acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday paid tribute to the slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at his funeral in West Jerusalem on Monday.

Following are some of the major excerpts from the tributes (see story above for King Hussein's eulogy): President Weizman said:

"Yitzhak was from the gen-eration of '48, born in '22, a generation that was born during the British, period, our independence, that wanted to build a new nation, with institutions, agriculture and in-

"He represented the extreme aspirations of our youth in the Palmach. He was a beautiful man and is from the underground that fought for independence. He was under the yoke of public service all his life, and he never diverged from that. In glorious fashion, he served in Israel's defence up to being chief-of-staff. The important and interesting experience of serving under bim was mine.

"In the last two-and-a-half years we spent a lot of time together. We had conversations on all that was important and painful for the State of Israel, and I know several times I stepped on a toe. But I never heard anything from

bim. His nobility in his personal dealings was supreme throughout.

'It was an intense honour to him and pride that during his time we commenced talks with the Palestinians.

"The greatest symbol was perhaps the 80 representatives of foreign nations, ministers, kings and presidents, they bave come bere today out of great respect for his achievements and personal recognicion.

"I am sure that he would know that this is an honour to Israel. The State of Israel today enjoys respect throughout the world and is a country that ... wants peace more than anything else."

at the funeral that his country would stand by Israel in the search for Middle East peace. "To the people of Israel, I say, if you stay this course of peace, I make this pledge,

neither will America foresake

President Clinton pledged

you," he said. "Millions of people all around the world in all humility... offer you their strength," he said.

Mr. Clinton, wearing a black Jewish skullcap, paid tribute to Mr. Rabin's efforts for an Arab-Israeli peace which cost him bis life. Take a good hard look at

this picture, look at this picture of leaders from the Middle East and all around the world... It is he who has brought us together again,"

"Yitzhak Rabin hved the history of Israel." in war and peace, said the president, who hosted the prime minister in Washington less than two weeks ago. "His spirit must live on."

On a personal note, Mr. Clinton described Mr. Rabin as "my partner and my friend... a good man... He was a great man." In an anecdote about how

Mr. Rabin always disliked wearing ties, Mr. Clinton told a story from the last Rabin "I was privileged to straighten (the tie) it for him. It is a moment I will cherish for as long as I live."
Mr. Clinton hugged the

slain leader's widow, Leah Rabin, after his eulogy which he ended with the Hebrew words, "Sbalom haver tov (goodbye my friend)." President Mubarak hailed

a "hero of peace" as be bade farewell to Mr. Rabin. "It is with deep regret that

we are assembled bere today to pay our last regrets to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a courageous leader and recognised statesman. "His earnest efforts to

achieve peace in the Middle East are a testament to his vision, which we sbare, to end the suffering of all the peoples of Arab regions. He defied the prejudices of the past to tackle the most complicated of problems, namely the Palestinian problem, in a forthright manner. The success he achieved in this regard has finally led to the foundations of peaceful coexistence between the Palestinians and the Israelis

in a climate of trust and mutual respect.

These achievements have

undoubtedly established bim as a true bero of peace. "The untimely loss of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at this important juncture in the history of the Middle East has dealt a severe blow to our noble cause. We must therefore redouble our efforts and reaffirm our obligation to continue the

must deprive those traitorous bands hostile toward our goal from reaping the rewards of their vile actions. "Only through our unwavering commitment to this objective can we truly honour the memory of this fallen bero of peace. And I could say that is the best memorial

sacred mission to achieve a

just and lasting peace. We

to Yitzhak Rabin. On this sad occasion, ladies* and gentlemen, I extend the condolences of government of Egypt, and my personal condolences to the government of Israel and the family of Yitzhak Rabin."

Mr. Peres said: "We came here to salute you Yitzhak, a clear salute to wbat you were. An elite fighter who attained victories for his people. A great dreamer who created a new reality in our region. This last Saturday night, we sang together the song of peace and I felt a rising spirit in your breast. You told me about warnings against your

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BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Husministers of education and irrigation, a day after he urged bureaucrats to fight

President Saddam, who is also prime minister, named Abdul Jabbar Tawfik Mohammad, who was head of the education department within the president's office, to replace Hekmat Abdullah i Bazzaz as education minister, state-run Baghdad

Mahmoud Diab Al Ahmad, former housing and construction minister, repluerd Irrigation Minister Mizne Jomaa A! Qassir, who in him was appointed a presidential advisor. Mr. Ahmad was replaced by Abdullah

Finally, Abdul Ilah Hamid Mehammad Saleh was named agriculture minister, filling a post left vacant by the death last month of Shaled Abdul Moneim Rashid in Rome.

The three men in new jobs in the cabinet are all technoc-

The radio gave no reason for the changes, but President Saddam told civil servants in a letter published Sunday to "apply laws strictly and to refuse orders from their superiors, even if they are ministers, if they break these laws."

"If your superior insists, ask him for written orders so he bears the responsibility, the letter said. Civil servants must report at the bighest level "anything contrary to the interests of the public service and the state.

The Iraqi president criti-cised officials who pulled

contravention of the law but who still went unpunished.

President Saddam said he had warned these officials but "unfortunately this has not been implemented by all ministers or their subordin-

The president, who was swept to another seven years in power in a referendum on Oct. 15, has waged war on corruption in the government and has urged ministers to be more democratic.

In the message, read out Sunday night on state television, the Iraqi President said:

'We address you to tell you that you bave to respect the law in your work and completely to abide by it. even if any minister demands the opposite from you."

He said a cabinet decision made earlier to fight corrup-tion and nepotism has been ignored by some ministers and senior civil servants. He did not elaborate or

name the offending officials. Exiled Iraqi opposition sources have in recent months spoken at length about what they describe as rampant corruption in Iraq, whose economy has been crippled by more than five years of U.N. sanctions im-posed for Baghdad's 1990 in-

vasion of Kuwait. The sanctions have left many of Iraq's 20 million people without enough food, medicine and other essential

Much of what opposition sources say on corruption in Iraq links members of President Saddam's family and inner-circle with abuse of power, profiteering and black-market rackets.

Iraqi paper predicts fall of Iranian regime

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Iraq on Monday predicted that Iran's Islamic fundamentalist leaders would fall soon in a bloodbath that will be worse than the revolution that overthrew the Shah in 1979.

'Iran is boiling and the explosion will come soon," the official Al Thawra news-

The end of the regime of the mullahs (clerics) will be worse than the shah's because of the stubbornness of the leaders in Tehran in pursuing an aggressive and repressive policy toward the peo-ple of Iran," it added.

The ruling Baath Party's official newspaper said Iran "shamelessly announced the entry of its troops into Iraqi Kurdistan, under various names which fool nobody."

The Tehran-based Iraqi opposition movement, the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said last month it would send fighters into northern Iraq to launch attacks against Iraqi

The newspaper also accused Iran of changing its mind about attending the international fair in Baghdad which opened last week.

fran said on Oct. 30 it wheld not take part in the i'r. contradicting a statethem from an Iraqi minister raying it would attend.

The mullahs in Tehran do

cos miss opportunities to do arong to Iraq, to threaten its unity and interfere in its internel affairs," it said.

The state-run press has . Hacked iran for the past nonth, although Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz said three weeks ago that Baghdad was ready to nor-malise relations with Iran after the prisoner of war issue is

He urged Iran to release 20,000 Iraqis who Baghdad says were taken prisoner during the 1980-1988 war between the two countries.

Nuclear studies ended

Russian and Iranian experts have completed studies on Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, the head of Iran's atomic energy organisation said Monday.

Tehran Radio quoted Reza Amrollahi as saying Russia had agreed to build the facility at a cost of \$780 million. Some 200 Russian and Iranian experts had been car-

rying oul studies on the complex in southern Iran, expected on completion to provide a large part of Iran's

The United States, which accuses Iran of sponsoring international terrorism" and trying to obtain nuclear weapons, bas failed to dissuade Moscow from going through with the nuclear deal

with Tehran. Israel also has expressed concern and warned it might attack the plant, which was left unfinished when the German company Siemens abandoned the project after the 1979 revolution.

Israeli leaders have said Iran could be as little as five years away from making a nuclear bomb. Iran has denied such allegations, saying

its facilities were regularly settlements.

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FAREWELL TO A LEADER: People line up in front of the Israeli parliament, Knesset, to pay their respects to assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shortly before his coffin was carried to cemetery for funeral.. Around one million people, one fifth of the Israeli population, paid a tearful last tribute to their slain leader since the coffin was placed in front of the Knesset on Sunday (AFP photo)

Rabin assassination leaves settlers unsettled, defensive

ISRAEL'S SETTLERS. once loathe to praise Yitzhak Rabin, now find themselves declaring they never wanted to bury him.

A wide spectrum of Israelis - from leftists to government ministers to right-wing columnists - blame the setllement movement as the bothouse that bred Yigal Amir, the extremist who shot the Israeli prime minister

"They did not deal correctly with their rotten apples," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told the Associated Press. "I hope they understand they will have to be more determined with their rotten apples because otherwise the cart will be rotten."

Amir lives in a Tel Aviv suburb, but reportedly spent a lot of time visiting friends on Maaleh Israel, a settlement in the occupied West

Settler leaders, who virulently opposed Mr. rial compromise," were quick to distance themselves from

Amir's extreme-right beliefs.
"The bullets which split the beart of the prime minister broke the hearts of all of us," said a statement from the "Samaria regional council," representing settlers in the northern West Bank.

There were cries of condemnation when members of a "Kahane Lives," a tiny movement allied with the Eyal movement to which the 27-year-old law student belonged, staged a celebration

in the Tapuah settlement. "These are sick individuals who represent no one other than themselves, and probably aren't stable enough to represent themselves," said Yehiel Leiter, a spokesman for the settler's council, which represents the 140,000

Israelis living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. If the rhetoric was strong. it reflected a broadbased perception that the assassination would provide longlacking public support for the Israeli government to accede to Palestinian demands to start dismantling some of the

One right-wing critic of

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 25, Aqaba 32, Humidity readings: Amman 24 per cent. Aqaba 20 per cent.

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sination had him convinced once and for all that Mr. Rabin's direction was cor-

"This night will not only be remembered as the night Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated," wrote Yosef Lapid, the editor of the Maariv daily in a column dissociating himself from the extreme right headlined "more than one

This is the night that the peace process got its final, tragic, blood-soaked con-

That potential impact on public opinion was not lost on settlers.

"Lord Almighty, what did he think he could achieve," settler Hagai Segal wrote in Maariv of Amir. "Instead of letting the leftist government die a natural death, democratically, he handed it the authority of the angel of death. Madman what have you

Vandals trashed the headwing opposition Likud Party in the coastal town of Ashkelon on Sunday, and settlers worried they would be next.

"There could be a civil war," said Dan Marantz, a founder of a religious seminary in the centre of the West Bank city of Nablus and an acquaintance of Amir's.

He said he hoped the left would understand that Amir was atypical. "There's a difference between political rhetoric and reality, actully carrving out something. Rabbi Menahem Froman.

settler who has initiated dialogue with Arabs, said that if the government used Mr. Rabin's assassination to crack down on the settlers the results could be "massively destructive. 'The leftist voices will

attack, the right will under-stand it's under attack and will retaliate, and it will deteriorate. Mr. Froman said Amir

must be understood as an exception to settler ideology but he admitted that perhaps he and other settlers had not done enough to excoriate such extremists. 'This assassination de-

mands an accounting of souls," he said in an inter-

life for meeting with Arabs. I should have paid more atten-

His was not the only anguished voice. Elitzur Botavia, a resident of the extremist stronghold of Kiryat Arba and a regular at right-wing demonstrations known for his imaginative invective, appeared on Israel Television ashen-faced.

"I'm so sorry if ever I said a wrong word, that was in the area of words," he cried.
"But to come to this, to killing, to come to murder, what have we come to people of Israel? No land is worth

At Kiryat Arba, a teacher in the settlement's Nir Jewish seminary, said: "What happened last night, God forbid, could cause war between us, between Jews."

An expert on Israeli rightring militant groups said the ideology which fostered hatred of Arabs and had its centre in Kiryat Arba had finally overflowed in Satur-

day night's killing. It had became what Israelis fear most: Violence of Jew against Jew.

Kiryat Arba was the home of U.S.-born settler Baruch Goldstein who massacred at least 30 Arab worshippers in a mosque in nearby Hebron in February 1994 before survivors killed him.

"He (Rabin's assassin) murdered another Jew and we can't understand it. We can't justify it at all," said Rabbi Shimon Ben-Zion, the seminary teacher.

"That is what we told our students... a)though everyone had a lot against the prime minister and felt he endangered us, endangered the nation and the land of Israel." Rabbi Ben-Zion

Hebrew University Professor Ehud Sprinzak, an expert on Jewish militant groups, said despite the town's shock. it was the ideology of many of its residents that had spawned the first assassination of an Israeli prime minis-

ter.
The confessed assassin is from near Tel Aviv, but the atmosphere in which he acted came from the West Bank, he

process... Rabin became

almost fair game and it took

place exactly where you are today (Kiryat Arba)," Mr. Sprinzak said. Kiryat Arba is a main cen-tre of Kach, a Jewish sup-remacy group, founded by American-Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was shot dead by an Arab in New York in 1990.

Its adherents are a significant minority in Kiryat Arba. Mr. Sprinzak said all settlers had a great interest in not provoking the rest of Israel so soon after Mr. Rabin's death.

"The Israeli people are not going to forgive the groups or ideologies that identify with killing Rabin," Mr. Sprinzak

Kiryat Arba is a fortified enclave of 4,000 people abutting Hebron, home to more than 120,000 Palestinians in the West Bank.

The town's small park is med after Kahane. At its centre is Goldstein's welltended grave-turned-shrine. Rabbi Ben-Zion's seminary does not support Kach.

but it allowed its building to be used for Goldstein's funer-A young couple prayed at Goldstein's grave — a tomb on a plaza complete with

street lamps — on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after they departed, a teenaged girl came to pay her respects. Mr. Sprinzak said Kahane

had always admonished against shedding Jewish blood but there were Kach members ready to "cross the line.'

He said their militancy. added to overheated rhetoric from more mainstream set-tlers spurred by Israel's continued handing over of occu-pied land to Palestinian rule, had paved the way for the gunman who said he shot down Mr. Rabin on "God's orders."

"First you have Kach, which can lead to no borders. Then (more moderate) organisations come up with posters of Rabin with blood on his hands and talked of putting Rabin on trial. This is how you create an atmosphere."

Assad condemns Rabin's murder

ONE (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad told the United States that he condemned the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a senior U.S.

The official, who asked not to be named, told reporters travelling with President Bill Clinton and a U.S. delegation to Jerusalem for Mr. Rabin's funeral that Secretary of State Warren Christopher phoned Mr. Assad on Saturday night.

Mr. Assad described the

assassination as tragic and condemned it, the official said, without elaborating. Syria, in its first official

reaction to the assassination, said on Monday it will continue to work for peace and urged Israel to "make up for "After the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin, Israel has to make up for lost time if it sincerely wants peace, by consecrating its efforts on serious and sincere talks on the Lebanese and Syrian tracks, to arrive at a just and global peace," the government daily Tishrin

"Damascus has and continues to act for peace without being influenced by any given incident or the change in any leadership," Tishrin said, adding that peace was a "strategic option" for Syria Syria's official media had

up to now made no commen on Mr. Rabin's assassination Mr. Rabin's policies to wards the peace process had been the subject of almost daily attacks in Syria's official

Syria has repeatedly called for a "peace of the brave" Tishrin said quoting a state-ment made by President Assad at the 1994 Geneva summit with U.S. Presiden Bill Clinton.

The Syrian-Israeli peace talks have been deadlocke since June after a meeting o Israeli and Syrian chiefs staff failed to reach an agree ment over security arrangement to accompany an Israel withdrawal from the Gold Heights

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Police break up arms ring in south Egypt

MINYA (AFP) — Police have broken up a weapons ring which was the main supplier of arms to Muslim militants in south Egypt, arresting 15 dealers, security sources said on Monday. The 15, who police arrested last week in Dairut and Manfalut towns 350 kilometres in the southern province Assiut, were "the most dangerous arms dealers in south Egypt."Some of the dealers admitted they were "the main source of arms" for Mushim militant groups who have been waging a violent campaign against the government in which nearly 1,000 people have died since March 1992, the sources said. The dealers also found ready clients among the rival families involved in the many violent inter-clar feuds in south Egypt, the sources said. Police uncovered 34 machine-guns, a shotgun, 32 weapons parts and a large amount of ammunition in the dealers' homes and in an arms-making factory they also raided.

Turkish troops kill 43 Kurdish rebels

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkish security forces have killed 43 Kurdish rebels in recent clashes in Turkey's southeastern and eastern regions, an official statement said Monday, The statement by the office of the regional governor of southeastern Turrkey said the biggest clash took place in the Baskale area on the border between Turkey and has where a large group of rebels from the outlawed Kunish Labour Party (PKK) clashed with Turkish troops. Twentyseven of the rebels trying to infiltrate into Turkey from Iran were killed in the clash, the statement said, but it made no mention of troop casualties. It did not say either when the fighting took place. The statement said 12 rebels were killed in four other recent clashes in the southeastern provinces of Siirt, Tunceli, Diyarbakir and Mus.

13 dead as flash floods ravage Mogadishu.

MOGADISHU (AFP) - At least 13 people died and three were injured when torrential rain hit Mogadishu in the early hours of Monday, sweeping away makeshift huts in a refugee camp and causing a wall to collapse. Reports said the floods hit after midnight, catching people in their sleep. Eight of the dead were reported to be people who were trying salvage their property from the raging floodwaters. Officials at the city's Digfer hospital said they had treated three injured. More than 20 other families had huts swept away by raging waters in the camp, located in southern Mogadishu. Hundreds of others were left homeless.

Businessman Sawaiha laid to rest

AMMAN (J.T) — A notable Jordanian businessma Maurice Sawalha, 61, died in the weekend was buried Sunday in his hometown Madaba, south of here. Mr. Sawalha, a well-known businessman, bad worked as at engineer in Aqaba and for the Cater Pillar Company and later founded the Jordanian Lifts Company.

Egyptian envoy's wife laid to rest

AMMAN (J.T.) - Tiba Ibrahim Othman, the wife of Egyptian ambassador to Jordan Wajih Hamdi, who passed away Saturday of a heart attack was buried in Cairo of Sunday. Mrs. Hamdi suffered a stroke three weeks ago and was in the intensive care unit at the Arab Centre for Heart and Special Surgery, surviving only by life support systems until Saturday when her heart stopped, according to a source close to the family. The source said that Mrs. Hamd had undergone an open heart surgery six years ago and was doing well until she suffered the stroke which eventually caused her death.

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HRH Princess Sarvath Al Hassan Monday signs the book of condolences at the residence of Israeli Ambassador Shimon Shamir in paying respects to the Israeli envoy and Mrs. Shamir on the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin. Mr. Rabin was shot by an assassin in Tel Aviv Saturday night. He was laid to rest in Jerusalem on Monday. Standing behind the Princess (left to right) are Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy Jacob Rosen, HRH Crown Prince Hassan's Private Secretary Samir Rifai, and German Ambassador to Jordan Heinrich Reiners

ESCWA encourages statistical surveys in member countries

AMMAN (Petra)-Delegates from 13 Arah countries of Western Asla region and representatives of United Nations agencies operating in the region Monday gathered here to discuss ways to encourage statistical snrveys.

The delegates, attending the first session of the Statistical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), will also review possibilities for technical cooperation in statistics and will study participating countries statistical surveys as well as a plan of action by ESCWA in the coming two years

In an address at the opening session, Minister of Planning Rima Khalaf underlined the importance of the work of statisticians,

economists and politicians in the process of rehabilitating the economies of this region.

She suggested that one very important element in rehabilitating these economies is highly efficient statistical systems and sound figures and data which help decision makers in the public and private sectors.

In the coming stage, she said, the role of the public sector will gradually recede giving way to private enterprise which will handle investments and play an instrumental role in bolstering national and regional

Referring to last week's Middle East and North Africa economic summit, Dr. Khalaf said that it marked the beginning of a

new era for the countries of the region paving the way for the development of its

ESCWA Executive Secretary Hazem Behlawi said the creation of ESCWA's Statistical Committee marks the crowning of efforts by heads of statistical departments in the ESCWA region which held four meetings since 1985

He said that the challenges facing the region include the creation of world economie blocs something which individual governments are incapable of dealing with on their own without accurate information and statistics and without inter-regional cooperation to protect national and regional inter-

Exhibition of building, security products opens

By Ghalia Alul Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Over 35 Arah and foreign companies and institutions Monday dis-played their products in the Middle East Building Exhibition (Buildex '95) and Middle East Protection Exhibition (Protex '95) in a hid to capture a larger share of the Jordanian market.

Companies from Turkey, Russia, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Jordan presented products such as general security and protection services for properties and individuals, construction and building machines and equipment in the two exhihitions which will run till Nov. 9.

"We chose Amman to be the host of those two international exhibitions out of our aspirations to transform Jordan into a regional centre for husitrade international exhibitions," said Bashir Najjar, General Manager of Almadina Information, the organisers

of both exhibitions. Mr. Najjar said that after achieving peace in the region and after the Middle East and North Africa summii (MENA), all foreign companies are looking for opportunities in the Jordanian market as well as appointing agents and dealers for their products.

"These exhibitions are the first of their kind in Jordan. They will bring together businessmen who will contribute to the expansion of the tradeexchange in the region," said Mr. Najjar.

He added that the contracts, which will be signed among exhibitors, Jordanian importers and businessmen as well as companies from neighbouring countries, are expected to cost millions of dollars.

Defendant pleads not guilty in grisly Salt murder case

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A 29-year-old man accused of rohhing, killing and mutilating a man in Salt Monday plead-ed not guilty to all charges.

The murder of 32-yearold Mahmoud Ensour in his house in Salt on Aug. 14 has shocked the residents of

The trial is being conducted under extraordinary security measures because authorities received reports of people threatening to take revenge

and kill the defendant. Kayed Ahmad, who earlier confessed to strangling Mahmoud Ensour, stealing his money, then cutting up his body into parts over a

money feud pleaded innocent to all charges.

According to the prosecutor general's charge sheet, in his confession to the police after his arrest on Aug. 20, Mr. Ahmad told the authorities that he killed Mr. Ensour because he defrauded the victim of JD 700 and "he wanted to get rid of him because he kept

The document said that last March, the defendant met Mr. Ensour and asked him to help him purchase a taxi licence.

asking for his money."

A few weeks later, the document said, the defendant informed Mr. Ensour that he found a taxi licence seller and that he had already paid him JD 700 but that he still needed an additional JD 1,000 to obtain the licence.

Mr. Ensour paid Ahmad JD 700 and the two men agreed to pay the rest of the amount upon the actual sale, the document said, but the defendant disappeared after that.

The document said that Ahmad planned to kill Mr. Ensour after the latter connnuously asked Ahmad for his money.

On Aug. 14. Ahmad asked the victim to meet him at his house to finish the necessary papers or the taxi licence, according to the document.

The defendant sent his wife and children to Amman so he could commit the murder, the docu-

The document said that the murder was committed while Mr. Ensour had his back to the defendant. The defendant jumped at him and strangled him with a rope, stole JD 2,000 from his person and some documents. Ahmad hid the body in the bathroom and left the house "to think of a way to

dispose of the body.' The document said that the defendant then returned to his house, horrowed a saw from his neighbour, cut the man's body into pieces placed it in boxes and trashed it in several areas around Salt

Five witnesses failed 10 show up at court Monday and presiding judge Abdul Rahman Tawfiq set Nov. 20 for a new session.

Agriculture minister stresses importance of farming rain-fed areas, integration

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Agriculture Mansour Ben Tarif Monday opened a three-day regional conference on Integrated Crop-Livestock Systems in the Dry Areas of West Asia and North Africa by urging Arab farmers in this region to concentrate on the development of rain-fed regions and introduce integrated

farming. An integrated system entails raising livestock close to arable land and is perhaps the most ideal method of farming, the minister said in an address at the opening of the con-ference organised by the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and anended by 120 delegates from Jordan, eight other Arab countries, four non-Arah states and several international organisations

Mr. Ben Tarif told the

and universities

meeting, held at the University of Jordan, that the Kingom is focusing rainfed farming in the dry and semi-arid regions because they encompass vast areas which constitute the main sheep and cattle-rearing regions.

Saying that horizontal expansion of irrigated areas is limited because of the scarcity of water and because the governments give priority to providing drinking water and water for domestic use, Mr. Ben Tarif said the ministry was concentrating on developing the country's rain-fedagricultural lands. Mr. Ben Tarif said prob-

lems facing agricultural development · includ •. drought, poor lack of proper research in the development of these regions, a low rate of unorthodox investment, utilisation of soil, inefficient agricultural policies,

improper management of agricultural resources and the use of traditional methods in food production.

ICARDA Regional Coor-dinator Nasri Haddad said the growing population in the Near East and North Africa is unmatched with an increase of food production which has subsequently led to food shortages.

Dr. Haddad said that the country faced a severe shrotage of food produc-tion, nearly half a million ionnes between 1988 and 1992 which could rise to 1.1 million tonnes in the year

The same can be said of Syria, Egypt, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, added Dr

Haddad. He said food shortages in these countries prompted the concerned authorities and farmers to grow barley in areas that use to be expolited as pasture land, and

this practice has led to the shrinking of livestock wealth

Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Jorgen Lissner told the meeting that more attention should be given to agricultural research work to help solve the region's food production problems. He said the UNDP is ready to provide assistance and support for regional agricultural development.

At least 70 working papers are expected to be reviewed by the delegates.

They include such topics as: the improvement of harley and forage crops production, improvement of small ruminant production and management, marginal lands and rangelands improvement, and technology assessment and trans-

Bahraini minister arrives for talks on electricity conservation

ests.

AMMAN (Petra) Bahraini Minister of Electricity and Water Abdullah Jumaa Monday arrived in Amman for a four-day official visit in which he is expected to hold talks on bilateral cooperation.

Bahrain hopes to advance its relations with Jordan and promote bilateral cooperation in designing and operating electric networks, power generating plants and in guiding the public on saving on electricity, said Mr. Jumaa in an arrival statement Adding that Bahrain

bopes to apply Jordanian systems in energy and elecdistribution, Mr tricity Jumaa said that he hoped to visit several electricity projects and learn about technical training for cadres employed in energy fields. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources officials said the Bahraini minister and his delegation will visit the Al Hussein Thermal Power Station in Zarqa and will examine the Jordan Electricity Authority's technical training facilities in



Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Samih Darwazeh Monday received his Bahraini counterpart, Abdullah Jumaa upon his arrival in Amman (Petra photo)

Mr. Jumaa is also expected to sign the minutes of deliberations with his Jordanian counterpart Samih

Darwazeh during the visit to pave the ground for mutual cooperation in electricity and energy fields.

Mr. Darwazeh and ministry officials welcomed the Bahraini delegation upon their arrival in Amman.

Children's hospital in Irbid to open on King's birthday

IRBID (Petra)—The Health Ministry will open a 100bed children's hospital in Irbid on Nov. 14 as part of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hus-sein's 60th hirthday, according to Health Minister Aref Bataineh Monday.

Speaking during a visit to the new Princess Rahma Hospital, the minister said the new facility will also be used to train students of paediatrics.

Dr Bataineh said the hospital, set up on 5,000 square metres, includes emergency units, laboratories, lecture halls, paediatric units for children suffering with thalassemia (a hlood disorder characterised by a deficiency of haemoglobin), children's clinics and other support services and utili-

He said the hospital will have its own blood bank to serve Irhid Governorate as well as a special thalessimia unit specialising in the treatment of thalassemia. The special thalassemia unit will open to the public by Dec. 1, added the minister



Minister of Health Aref Bataineh Monday tours the premises of the soon-to be opened Princess Rahma Hospital in Irbid (Petra photo)

Dr Bataineh also inspected the new premises of the Nuseibeh Mazenia Nursing and Midwifery College and learnt about its training needs.

The minister, who met earlier with Irbid Governor Eid Qatarneh to discuss medical services in the govemorate, said that he was satisfied with the level of

these services.

Mr. Bataineh was accompanied on the tour by local officials and the director of the health department in

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"Tapies," at the Instituto Cervantes at 6:.00pm. CONCERT

Piano recital by Egyptian concert pianist Mushira Issa at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 pm.

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Discussion and slide show of the works of Jordanian artist Rafiq Laham with the participation of artists Hussein Da'seh and Mohammad Amiri at the Phoenix Gaillery, Gardens Street at 6:00 p.m.

BANI HAMIDA FALL EXHIBITION

* The Bani Hamida Women's Weaving Project presents "Winds of Change" its fall exhibition at the Jerusalem Insurance Company in Shmeisani (Tel.

EXHIBITIONS

- * "The Birth of Movies," at the Royal Cultural Cen-
- *Works by Dodi Taba'a entitled "Variations Graphiques 93-95" at the French Cultural Centre.
- *Protex 95 (Middle East Protection and Security Exhibition) and Building 95 (Middle East Building Exhibition) at Amman International Fair, Marj Al Hamam. (Tel. 688141)
- *Works by Nazih Abu Afesh at Balqa Art Gallery,
- * Metal works by Ammar Khammash at Liwan, off Wadi Saqra Street. Also displaying all kinds of handicrafts. (Tel 699141)
- * Paintings by Iraqi artist Salih Al Jumai'i at Ab'ad
- * Paintings by Shakir Hassan Al Said at the French Cultural Centre.
- * A retrospective exhibition of sculptures and drawings (1965-1995) by Mona Saudi at Dara Al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh.

Sri Lanka rebels kill 12 soldiers in east

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 12 soldiers and wounded three in an attack oo a routeclearing patrol in eastern Sri Lanka Monday, the military

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam used mortar bombs and small arms in the attack a few miles northwest of Batticaloa town, a statement said.

The clash followed a rebel ambush of an army font patrol further north in which soldiers fought back and killed five LITE fighters, the military said. The bodies were due to be handed hack to the LTTE via the International Committee of the Red Cross, it said.

In the eastern port of Trincomalee, a 30-year-old man was shot dead by a suspected LTTE guerrilla, police sources said.

Sri Lanka Monday slammed the United Nations for voicing concern over the fate of thousands of civilians displaced by ethnic conflict in the island's north, and ruled out any direct role for international aid agencies.

Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar told that U.N. reporters Secretary General Boutros

people were injured in

clashes between police and

bomb-throwing protesters

Ghali had expressed concern over the situation "without the full knowledge of the available facts.

He said Dr. Ghali went ahead with the statement Friday despite pleadings hy

"We have already given a response (to the U.N. chief) hy saying we can take care of our problem," said Mr. Kadirgamar, a Tamil and a confidant of President Chandrika Kumaratunga. "But I will be sending him a sharper reply."

The minister said the government was undertaking a massive relief effort with the cooperation of the International Committee of the Red Cross for caring for the thousands fleeing fightmg with Tamil rebels in the

There is no need for anyone else to get involved," he

Mr. Kadirgamar said nongovernmental agencies already operating in Sri Lanka's embattled northern region would be permitted to continue their "normal work," but added that any "enhanced activity" would be under government super-

called on "all concerned to

facilitate relief assistance to Tigers are there, waiting the affected population by humanitarian organisa-

Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels are holding back residents of their besieged northern stronghold to guarantee civilian casualties and a subsequent outcry overseas when the army strikes, a senior military source said

The armed forces Monday were digging in at the northeastern approach to Jaffina town, the spiritual capital of the LTTE, fighting for their own country in the north and east of majority Sinhalese Sri Lanka.

The military has been at pains to stress that it is in no rush to enter the town, believed to be heavily laced with mines and booby-traps, and that it will only continue its advance when it is

Aid agencies say the town is largely deserted and that up to 500,000 people have fled the current round of fighting. Military analysts say about 40,000 rebels and civilians may still be in the

"We know how the Tigers work," the military source said. "Most of Jaffna town has been evacuated hnt the a town with people in it," a

with some civilians. When Sunday. the bombs fall, when the air The raids come, they can say the

armed forces are killing innocent civilians. "They want the military to score some black marks with international opinion." He said heavy rain was proving an obstacle and a Western diplomatic source

said any push on Jaffna town, if it comes, could be as much as 10 days to two weeks away. "No one can say rain won't affect us," the mili-tary source said. "Mobility

is difficult, especially armour. And it affects the mortars. He said mortar shells were penetrating boggy land instead of fragmenting as intended. He said the army

was using them "very care-

fully" to minimise waste. When and if the troops go all the way and take Jaffna town is the subject of much debate. Analysts point out that urban terrain operations are the most expensive and difficult, with pockets of the advancing force easily iso-

"The only strategic feature, in terms of winning hearts and minds, is to take military analyst said

government has stressed that it has been forced into the war by the LTTE who broke a truce in April and shunned invitations to view a "peace package" of devolution propos-

It says the aim of the war is to liberate the Tamils in the north and east from the LTTE grip. On Monday, a Western

diplomat said of the Jaffna push: "You can't liberate someone if there is no one there to liberate." The Tigers appear to be

digging in for a likely lastditch defence, diplomatic and aid sources said.

One source said it was still unclear how far the rebels would go. "They could even hlow up the entire town (rather) than let it fall into government hands," be said.

some 1,000 rebels have been killed in two weeks of fighting on the Jaffna peninsula and puts its own losses at 221 killed and 536 wounded. More than 50,000 people have died in the 12-

casts his vote during the first presidential and parlia-mentary elections Sunday (AFP photo) Shevardnadze declares victory in Georgia poll

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze declared victory Monday in Georgia's presidential election, saying he had won backing for a programme for "saviog the country". Election officials in the

turbulent Transcaucasus

state were still counting the votes from Sunday's poll. But Central Electoral
Commission Chairman
lyane Kiguradze said Mr. Shevardnadze had won 70 per cent support in areas where the count had been completed.

"I am happy that the Georgian people have accepted my programme," Mr. Shevardnadze said in a radio interview.

"I think that this confidence referendum has been won and a hig majority of the population has accepted my programme of saving the country."

Mr. Shevardnadze later flew to Israel for the funeral of assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, with whom he had close contacts as Soviet foreign minister — the post in which he helped to end the cold war before resigning in

December 1990. Preliminary results of the presidendal poli and a parliamentary election which was also held Sunday were due to be announced later

Monday. Mr. Shevardnadze, 67, who has been Georgia's leader since 1992 without having the title of president, needed a simple majority to win the presidential election outright in the first

He said his own information suggested he had won convincingly, perhaps with more than 70 per cent. "Such support is great. This is our common victory. it is Georgia's victory," Mr.

"The vote has excluded the possibility of a backward turn which had been quite a realistic danger." Mr. Shevardnadze, who escaped when a bomh went

Shevardnadze said.

off near his motorcade last August, had been widely expected to win,

wiclding man broke into Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien's home Sunday and was confronted by the premier's wife, the

Inspector Jean St-Cyr said neither the prime minister nor his wife. Aline Chretien, were hurt during the break-in at the official residence.

with a man armed with a

TBILISI (R) - Former which won independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, appeared to have supported Mr. Shevardnadze's campaign motio of guaranteeing stability after years of economic and political "It's great," said a middle-

aged man in the capital Tbilisi. "He is the only man who

can nurture hope," said a woman carrying a small girl in her arms.

Mr. Shevardnadze hopes his Citizens' Union group will also win a majority in parliament to help him rein in separatism and continue market reforms which he says are already bearing

But right-wing parties opposed to closer ties with Russia are expected to have at least a strong representa-

Mr. Kiguradze said that 62 per cent of the 3.2 million eligible voters had cast their ballots, making the election valid. International observers

say they have registered no major irregularities. But representatives of Mr. Shevardnadze's main rival, Soviet-era Communist boss Dzhumber Patiashvili, said their backers had found violations in several regions.

The separatist regions of Ahkhazia and South Ossetia, which contain about five per cent of Georgia's population, boy-coned the election.

Mr. Shevardnadze said he had asked the United Nations to hold a special session to condemn aggressive separatism". Mr. Shevardnadze, who

had to flee Ahkhazia under

rebel fire in 1993, has vowed to bring the Ahkhaz separatists to heel, whether through Moscow-sponsored talks or hy force. Shevardnadze, Mr. acclaimed ahroad for his role in ending the cold war,

praised Mr. Rahin before his departure for Israel. "He is the hero of our time. Some people, including a part of his compatri-

ots, did not understand him hut the world highly appreciated his decisions," Mr.

The people of Georgia, Shevardnadze said. Man with knife breaks into Canadian premier's home

Royal Canadian Mounted police (RCMP) suid. RCMP spokesman

Mrs. Chreticn was woken

by a noise in their home early Sunday and on investigation came face-to-face

rock to get into the house, Insp. St-Cyr said. Mr. Chretien praised the

wife. On seeing the intruder, Mr. Chretien said she had quickly slammed the behind her.



Britons sentenced for possessing pornography

reported the provincial government has decided to

designate Hob Xil as a

nature reserve. It will bar

tourism and exploration for

natural resources in a

15.500-square-kilometre

report said.

were given suspended three-month jail sentences Monday and fined 3,000 hahi (\$120) for possessing pornography, immigration police said. The two mea, lan Baker, 44, and Clifford Armstrong, 34, would be allowed to stay in Thailand during the one-year suspension period, police said, after the two meo were sentenced by a Bangkok count. The pair were arrested on Oct. 17 following widespread reports in the Thai press that announcers at their radio station had been promoting child prostin-tion on the air. A raid it their respective apartments turned up magazines/juicitographs and videotapes deemed to be pornographic, although no material involviog minors was found, contrary to earlier police reports. An investigation by the owners of the English-language radio station has failed to find any evidence that announcers were promoting child prostitution. The two men claim the charges were laid hy a disgruntled employee. Pornography is illegal in Thailand, although explicit magazines and videotapes are available on the street

Jackson-Presley marriage is legally valid — judge

(AFP) — Pop icon Michael

Jackson's marriage to List

Marie Presley is legally

valid, the judge who wed them insisted Sunday,

in many areas..

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refuting a charge hy a U.S. televisioo network that it was likely null and void. Judge Hugo Alvarez told AFP that the report by Fox Television was wide of the mark. Fox reported Thursday that the duo's 1994 nuptials in the Dominican Republic were legally duhious for two reasons. It said Judge Alvarez appeared to have married the couple outside his legal invisiction, and that Presley had only been divorced for three weeks at the time. Fox said that under Dominican law, a woman must be divorced for 10 months before she can remarry legally. But Judge Alvarez said that for a marriage to he performed, Dominican law simply requires that the prospective hride and groom provide sworn statements attesting to the fact that they currently are single. And AFP had access shortly after the couple wed in May 1994 to official records and witness accounts saying the cere mony had taken place in the town of La Vega, 130 kilometres north of Santo Domingo. Fox reported that it appeared the event took place at Casa De Campo, a hotel in another

town which it said would

have been outside the

judge's jurisdiction.

during a transport shutdown in the Bangladesh capital of A few trains left Dhaka's Dhaka Monday, witnesses few employees turned up. opposition Kamalapur Railway Station In Dhaka, streets were early Monday hut one was taken over hy thousands of

Up to 50 hurt in clashes during Dhaka blockade

The hlockade was called hy main oppositioo parties in their ongoing effort to force fresh elections under a neutral caretaker govern-Police said an unspecified ment, which they believe would ensure free voting.

Fighting broke out near the city's Mahakhali Bus Station and several other. points where oppositioo activists took positions io

the morning. Several policemen and three news photographers, including Rafigur Rahman of Reuters Television, were wounded by bomb splinters. Police used tear gas, hatons and hot water in

attempts to disperse the protesters, one witness said. Millions of people were by the blockade that came in the wake of persistent refusals by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to hand over power to an interim successor.

derailed after protesters allegedly removed plates from the tracks at Majukhan in the city's suburbs.

oumber of passengers were injured in the derailment. The other trains were also ...halted...hy stone-throwing

protesters, they said. The blockade has been a hundred percent success here," said an official in the southern city of Khulna.

"It has virtually turned into a general strike as people also did not take out their private cars," be told Reuters by telephone.

In the port city of Chittagong and the northeastern city of Sylhet, there

except for rickshaws, local reporters said.

Many private offices were closed and most businesses shut. Government offices kept their doors open hut

rickshaws in the absence of motorised vehicles, witnesses said. Buses did not leave their stations and ferries remained anchored. Police arrested about a

dozen protesters, witnesses Opposition leader Sheikh.

Hasina said late Sunday that Mrs. Khaleda bad slammed shut the door on a negotiated settlement of the dispute over future elections.

Opposition parties accuse Mrs. Khaleda's government of hy-election fraud and sweeping corruption, and

say no election under her The ruling Bangladesh Narionalist Party (BNP) has

the opposition has "pre-conceived fears" of an election defeat. The campaign against

Mrs. Khaleda intensified in December when almost all legislators resigned from parliament trying to force the prime minister to accept their demand for elections under a neutral caretaker administration.

They asked Mrs. Khaleda to step down and dissolve parliament, Mrs. Khaleda rejected the demands as unconstitutional.

The opposition has called for a weeklong national strike from Nov. 11 and threatened further action to force Mrs. Khaleda to con-

Chief Election Commissioner A.K.M. Sadeque said Sunday that the next general elections would be held between January and April.

denied the charges, and says stranded across Bangladesh were no traffic on streets Britain's Yes Minister actor dies of skin cancer

LONDON (R) — British comic actor Paul Eddington, whose Yes, Minister television political satire was a world-wide hit, died at the weekend of a rare

form of skin cancer. Tributes poured in Monday to the popular actor whose performances as a vacillating. incompetent minister and later prime minister were so admired hy Premier Margaret Thatcher that she awarded him the honour of Commander of

became so internationally famous through the 1980s televisioo show that he was often given the red-carpet treatment when visiting the

Eddington, who was 68,

the British Empire.

more than 50 countries

where it was shown. Showbusiness legend has it that he was whisked around Sweden in an official Daimler, invited to visit Israel-and was wined and dined by Australian govern-

ment ministers. "I threw a great spanner into the works. People abroad tended to play safe and treat me as a minister,

just in case," Eddington said in a interview last month. Eddington had suffered for 40 years from a rare form of skin cancer, mycosis fungoides, which recent-

ly worsened leaving him covered from head to font in dark blotches and sores. The treatment left him baid and he became almost unrecognisable from his sophisticated screen charac-

But he went public with the condition and won plandits for giving television interviews last month when his changed appearance shocked even Eddington

himself. "I was a hit taken aback," he said after watching the

'l haven't had a great deal

interview.

of television exposure looking as I do. I'm hoping now to be famous for being grotesque instead of famous for being a good actor," be Close friend Richard

Eddington in the 1970s television comedy The Good Life said Monday: "I don't think I've known a more smashing bloke in all my

years in showbusiness. "He always dealt with his problems with humour and tenacity. At no time did be let his illness get in the way

working until his death, appearing in the London Theatre in a play with Briers last year and working ou radio. He died at his London

home Saturday surrounded Briers, who appeared with hy family and friends.

Eddington carried on

Commonwealth credibility on the line over Nigeria WELLINGTON (R) influence or have dialogue urged at the summit to

Commonwealth leaders face the challenge of turning their own fine words into action as they seek ways to encourage the return of military-ruled Nigeria to the democratic fold at a summit in New Zealand this week. A row over British sup-

testing may sidetrack beads of government, who open their meeting in Auckland Friday, hut diplomatic analysts say Nigeria will pose the more critical test. Despite discussion of sanctions and even Nigeria's possible expul-

sion from the 52-member

members appear more like-

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port for French nuclear

ly to offer the carrot than wield the stick. "There will be some who may want to condemn, there will be some who may want to exclude -- but as you find in international fora, to exclude people from meetings means you just lose all capacity to with them," New Zealand Foreign Minister Don Mckinnon told Radio New Zealand. "It's better to have them

inside the tent and us talking to them rather than them being on the outside of the tent and no one talking to anybody," he said. Nigeria, in political crisis

since the army cancelled elections two years ago, provides an acid test of the Commonwealth's 1991 "Harare Declaration" — a ringing endorsement of democracy, human rights and good governance. It provoked international

condemnation last month when it sentenced nine minority rights activists, including prominent writer Ken Saro-Wiwa, to hang for murder io what opponents have branded a politically-motivated verdict. As one of only three mil-

itary-ruled Commonwealth

nations — the others are

Gamhia and Sierra Leone

- Nigeria will also be

elaborate on its plans to restore democracy within three years. Analysts said the attitude of the Commonwealth's other 17 African nations

would be instrumental in determining its response. Some, with important political and economic ties to Nigeria, woold need to think hard before isolating that country. "Presumably there are some African states in the

Commonwealth who have other irons in the fire with Nigeria and who will want to take those into account when adopting any sort of declaration or statement," said Terence O'Brien. director of the Centre for Studies Strategic Wellington.

the Commonwealth does

not wish to single out mem-

ber states for criticism by

name. But, as one diplomat

"Isolating Nigeria is a thing that they'll want to think carefully about." Working hy consensus,

et scientist to work out which countries are meant". For New Zealand, host-

ing its biggest-ever gathering of world leaders, a key issue will be the Commonwealth's stance on French nuclear tests in the South Pacific and Britain's controversial support for But with Prime Minister

Jim Bolger bound by the diplomatic requirements of his role as host and chairman, it may fall to Australia and smaller Pacific nations to voice displeasure their Britain's John Major.

to agree on the nuclear question would hardly be a disaster, but lack of firm direction on Nigeria would hurt the Commonwealth. "If they don't manage to

al troop in the state," Mr. Mr. O'Brien said failure Assef Ali said.

get anything at all about State authorities said they Nigeria, I think that will be expect an esculation of vioa black mark against it." he lence by militants as the election approaches.



heighten tensions in region

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Condemning legislative elections in India's violent state of Kashmir, Pakistan's Foreign Minister warned Mooday that oext month's polls

would heighten tensions in an already volatile region. Calling the polls "farcical," Foreign Minister Sardar Assef Ali warned "it would only aggravate ten-

sions in the entire region." Both India and Pakistan claim ownership of a united Kashmir, which was divided between the two countries in 1947 when the

subcontinent gained its independence from Britain. The feuding neighbours have fought two wars over Kashmir — in 1948 and again in 1965. They fought a third war in 1971 over

then East Pakistan. Many feared a fourth, possibly nuclear, war over Kashmir in 1990. India accuses Pakistan of

Bangladesh, or what was

fomenting violence in its only Muslim dominated state, where militant secessionists have been fighting for the past five years to press their demand for either outright independence or union with Islamic Pakistan.

Pakistan denies the accusation, but has called for a plebiscite in Kashmir to determine whether a united Kashmir would be Indian or Pakistani. India refuses to hold a plehiscite.

At least 300,000 Indian troops have been deployed to Kashmir in the past five years in an attempt to quell the bloody insurgency that has claimed more than 12.000 lives. Mr. Assef Ali said

Pakistan feared more

Indian soldiers would be

deployed to Kashmir to prevent violence in the upcoming polls. "It has come to the notice of Pakistan that the Indian government has already decided to deploy addition-

Kashmir now is ruled by the federal government and New Delhi is hoping that elections will encourage a return of political normalOTTAWA (R) - A knifejackknife. The intruder had smashed

the glass of a door with a conl-headed reaction of his

door and retreated from the room, locking the donr "I think that I am lucky she was there and I am

grateful," said Mr. Chretien, who was speaking to reporters en route to Israel for slain Prime Minister Yiizhak Rahin's funeral.

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Fox report SEOUL (R) — South that the duot uptials in it Korean prosecutors, probing ex-Presideot Rob Taen Republic wo Woo's slusb fuod, said bioos for two re Monday they were drawing iid Judge Alvali up a list of husiness conto have mann. outside his les glomerates suspected of topping up the digraced for-, and that Presk mer leader's coffers. been divorced fit eks at the time accounts, some corporations suspected of having n law, a wome provided funds to former divorced for President Roh Tae-Won before she have been exposed," an egally. But lude official at the prosecutoraid that for a mar general's office said by telebe performed in law simply

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More S. Korea firms to be summoned over scandal millioo) from borrowedname bank accounts ioto real-name accounts. Daewoo Chairman Kim

Woo-Choong, now on an overseas husiness trip, would be summoned as soon as he returned home. the prosecutor was quoted as saying.

Prosecutors could oot confirm the report.

Mr. Roh, 62, made a tearful confession last month he amassed a \$654 million secret slush fund through donations from the country's leading business conglomerates, known as "chaebol", during his 1988-

1993 tenure. Prosecutors are trying to find out if Mr. Roh was telling the whole truth and investigating chabol which took part in huge industrial or infrastructure projects during his term.

Local news media Monday said prosecutors were lonking into the possibility that part of Mr. Roh's slush fund was hidden in real estate registered under

borrowed names. The main opposition National Congress for New

Politics decided to press for parliameotary hearings to dig out the whole truth of scandal, a party

spokesman said. On Sunday Chuog Tae-Soo, chairman of the Hanbo Group, admitted his links to the \$654 million slush fund Mr. Roh amassed, giving investigators their first

breakthrough, Prosecutors said Chung coofessed received more than 50 billioo won (\$65 million) from false-name accounts held by Mr. Roh, and used the money as capital for his

business. Mr. Chung was the first tycoon to be summoned. Hanbo was the shining corporate success story of Mr. Roh's term, going from an ohscure construction firm to a top-20 firm involved in huge state infrastrucuture

projects. Yonhap has reported prosecutors this week would summon the heads or top executives of about 10 conglomerates, including the chairmen of the Daewoo Group, the Dong Bang Group and the Sunkyong

Dong Bang and Sunkyong are linked to rob by marriage to his children.

Prosecutors have said Mr. Roh's relatives could be the key to unlocking the secrets of where the ex-president's money is now stashed. They have asked the Foreign Ministry for belp io searching through Swiss bank accounts.

Roh has said he still holds \$242 million, but prosecutors are not taking him at his

False-name hank accounts were outlawed two years ago by Presideot Kim Young-Sam who, since his inauguration in February 1993, has vowed to stamp out corruption piled up during three decades of military-backed rule in the country.

regarded as the country's largest-ever financial scandal, has triggered a storm of nationwide protests by students, dissidents and other citizens demanding punishment for Mr. Roh, a retired four-star general.

The slush fund row,

Walesa praised after poll, but faces tough days ahead

Monday entered a last leg of campaigning for re-election, his stroog showing in the weekend's first round vote praised by allies and compared eveo hy one avowed foe to a tank

assault Mr. Walesa, who only mooths ago appeared to have little prospect of a second five-year term, made a remarkable comeback, capturing, according to preliminary results, 33.3 per cent of votes to ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski's

The rivals must oow campaign for the votes of 11 before a runoff oo Nov. 19. Mr. Walesa appears well placed to benefit from an

end to division oo the right. "Aleksander Kwasniewski and Lech Walesa drew well away from the other candidates and they both achieved success," the pro-Kwasniewski daily Tryhuoa said in an

Only a few months ago,

WARSAW (R) — Polish Mr. Walesa's popularity rat-President Lech Walesa ings dropped to single figures. Tryhuna's recognitioo of his achievement, even if laced with heavy irony, was

notable. "Lech Walesa stormed like a tank and in just a few weeks rehuilt the electorate he had five years ago," it

Some newspapers said Mr. Walesa's comeback signalled voters were afraid a Kwasniewski victory would transfer all political power to the ruling left wing, already dominating govern-

ment and parliament. The pro-Walesa daily Zycie Warszawy said Poles would face a clear-cut choice io the second round.

"The choice is simply whether we want a Poland where the single political force again holds all the power behind the facade of democracy...or a Poland where citizens' rights are secured hy pluralism and a halance of power," it said.

Kwasniewski's Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) already holds sway over parliament and govern-

He has clearly scored significant successes in building up a strong party with a modern social democratic image that welds great influence in the country.

His personal appeal and sophistication establish him as a stroog rival to Mr. Walesa whether he is successful or not in two weeks. Analysts suggested Sunday's vote was the first since the partly free elec-tions in 1989 that was not a

protesi vote but a conscious "The electorate proved resistant to demagoguery and showed greater maturity than in previous elec-

tions," the business daily Rzecznospolita said. Rzeczpospolita Extremist candidates won virtually oo support from

The two weeks to the second round will pit Mr. Walesa and Mг. Kwasniewski in a fierce compeniioo for the third of the electorate who voted for the 11 other first round cootenders, and analysts say

Around 20 per cent of the remaining voters opted for centre or right-wing candidates, including the 8.7 per cent who picked centrist intellectual Jacek Kuroo for

third place. The beateo contenders are mostly people who have hrokeo angrily with their ofteo difficult erstwhile friend and ally Walesa over the years but share the values they fought for together before loppling Communist

rule in 1989. Chiefs of Mr. Kuroo's Unioo For Freedom (UW) party, descended from soli-

darity, said they were now likely to back Mr. Walesa. Analysts say it will be

much harder for Mr. Kwasniewski to broadeo his

electoral base. A Kwasniewski victory would add Poland to a list of Easi European states which have seen a return to power Communists by voters wearied of radical economic

Israeli children react strongly to Rabin's death Israel was killed. They were suhurb, used crayons and

Storm kills nearly 500 Filipinos; toll to mount

An Israeli man mourns with his family while waiting for the convoy carrying the coffin of the assassinated Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin to arrive near the knesset, where his coffin was placed to allow the public to pay their last

MACCABIM, Israel (R) — Frighteoed Israeli schoolchildren drew coffins, crying clouds and hroken hearts in class workshops and discussions Sunday teachers hoped

would softeo the sbock of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's death. The morning after the assassination, children across Israel began the day in sombre school assemblies where Israeli flags were lowered to half-mast.

At Maoz Hamaccabim Primary School, 30 kilometres from Jerusalem, many wept as they sang one of lsrael's best known melodies' The Song Of Peace — which Rabin himself sang at the Tel Aviv peace rally where he was

gunned down Saturday. They feel terribly afraid. They don't know what will happen or why the leader of Maccabim, a well-to-do

MANILA (R) — Super-

typhoon Angela has killed

nearly 500 people in the

Philippines and the death

toll will mount as rescue

teams fight 10 dig out bodies

from under the rubble of

destroyed homes, relief offi-

At least 490 people are confirmed dead after Angela, packing peak winds

of up to 270 kpb (167 mph),

battered the Bicol region at

the southern end of Luzon

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"This is only partial. It will go up. Most likely, it will top 500," OCD

"I wish the death toll

would stay at this level, hut

there are many areas that

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angry at the man who murdered him," said Hani Hyperman, a third-grade teacher.

But Educarioo Minister Amnoo Ruhinstein told army radio that in a handful of schools some childreo had expressed delight Mr. Rahin was dead.

"The head of our psychological service said there were expressions of happiness in schools, especially in lower classes - and we are not talking about schools io (West Bank and Gaza) settlements or religious schools," he said. sounding shaken.

"We are talking about a minority, but this minority frightens us. These small children cannot hide the indoctrination they got at

home," Mr. Ruhinstein said. Children at the school in

crops and property has

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The severe damage from

Angela and tropical storm

Zack last week has forced

several analysts to prune

their estimates on growth

for the Philippine economy

io 1995 from a government

forecast of 6.0 per cent

growth in gross national

"I figure it will be five per

cent," Patrick Garcia of

L.M. Garcia and Associates

said in an interview. "It (the

typhoon) will have a detri-

mental effect on GNP and

"It should lower the

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Jonas Ferrer, research chief

of Pryce Securities, added.

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pens to express their feelings. A hinder was placed oo a tahle in the hall for any written thoughts wished to share.

Some pictures showed Mr. Rahin on a stage surrouoded hy a crowd - depictiog the scene of the shooting. Several children in Ms. Hyperman's class drew coffins and wrote "Rahin" on them.

They wrote condolence letters to (Rabin's) family and drew scary pictures and clouds that cry, and wrote on them 'I am angry'. One girl drew a broken heart," Ms. Hyperman said.

"They wrote letters to Rabin, saying what they think of him and noted that a man who was in favour of peace and against violence

was killed." Ms. Hyperman said her stop the peace process this own son. Maoz, aged six, way, she said. He won't."

The analysis said Angela

may also affect industrial

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Interior Secretary Rafael

Alunan Sunday compared

the damage inflicted hy

Angela to a "miniature war"

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Rescue teams fought 10

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The putrid smell of rotting corpses permeated the air of

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was crying constantly and did not want to eat. He told his mother: "We do not have a commander for the country. Who will protect us

Many of her pupils asked how it was possible for a Jew to kill another Jew, after learning the alleged killer was an Israeli law studeot.

> "I cried today. He was a very good prime minister. He wanted peace," said Ido Cohen, an eight-year-old

Gitit Raz, 12, said: "I feel strange, in shock. Suddenly he's gone. They told us in class the killer was crazy and thought he was doing the nation a favour. We all know that wasn't right."

"He thought he would

towns like Calauag, some

160 kilometres southeast of

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of both coffins and formalin

to preserve the corpses.
"What we need right oow

is food," a local official

from the Bicol told a Manila

Of the total killed, 323

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Filipinos began reporting

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arithmetics is oo Mr. ANC urges tight security in Kwazulu-Natal polls

the electorate.

DURBAN, Sonth Africa national level with seminal (AP) - Fresh from triumphal local elections around most of the country, the African National Congress Sunday called for tight security when voting is finally held in strife-torn Kwazulu-Natal province

next year. The province was omitted from Wednesday's first allrace halloting for local and rural councils that swept away the last vestiges of white-minority rule, which

was eliminated on the

Haiti Senate clears Werleigh as first woman

leader PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti The Senate Claudette approved Werleigh as Haiti's first

woman Prime Minister Sunday, one of the last major hurdles before she is confirmed as Haiti's new premier. The Chamber of Deputies

is due to debate Ms. Werleigh's appointment Monday. A majority is needed for ratification. Fourteen senators

approved Ms. Werleigh's comination with three abstentions and none against. The vote followed six bours of debate after Ms. Werleigh presented her policy priorities in a speech to the upper chamber.

Ms. Werleigh, 49, was acting minister of foreign affairs wheo Prime Minister Smarck Michel resigned on Oct. 16 over differences with Presideot Jean-Bertrand Aristide on privatisation of Hain's national industries.

Samuel Madistin, vicepresident of the Senate. chastised Ms. Werleigh for not being clear on the privatisation issue in her address, a major policy statement meant to give lawmakers an idea of how she plans to run the coun-

The last decision on privatisation will come after all the forces in the nation have commenced a national debate," Ms. Werleigh

Privatisation is critical for Haiti. Donor nations in January pledged more than \$1 hillion in aid on the condition that Haiti could sell or lease nine state-owned enterprises. Ms. Werleigh said her

priorities would be literacy, agrarian reform, increasing national production and Industry.

than 80 per cent.

revitalising the Tourism Haiti, the Western hemisphere's poorest nation, has an illiteracy rate of more democratic elections in April 1994. Fighting between supporters or election officials.

ers of the ANC and the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party in the province has claimed thousands of lives over the past decade. Disputes over election boundaries forced the postponement of voting until March 27.

Concluding a two-day provincial party congress Sunday, the ANC called on President Nelson Mandela's government to ensure elections security and the arrest of anyone found disrupting the poil or infimidating vot-

The ANC claimed that traditional chiefs in some rural areas, most of whom are allied with Inkatha, had infimidated residents ioto not registering for the elec-

Kwazulu-Natal was ooe of only two of South Africa's nine provinces that Mr. Mandela's ANC failed to win in last year's voting.

The other, Western Cape, showed a massive shift away from the white-led National Party, which ruled uoder apartheid, towards the ANC in last week's However, voting has also

been postponed uotil next spring in National Partycontrolled Cape Town, South Africa's secondlargest city Johanneshurg, due boundary disputes.

Ireland frees 4 more IRA prisoners

Republican guerrillas were sentenced to four and six- and were serving 10 and 12 Duhlin jail Monday as part of the Irish government's attempts to further the Northern Ireland peace process.

Two of them went straight to court for an extraditioo hearing in which Britain will press for them to be handed over for another

Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McCauley shot their way out of a Londoo jail in 1991 while awaiting trial oo charges of conspiracy to murder and cause explo-

They were arrested in

DUBLIN (R) - Four Irish Ireland two years later and tences were from Duhlin possession.

Qiunlivan and McCauley are regarded by Britain as key members of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and their escape from jail caused a furore. They were accused of conspiring to murder british hrewery

executive Sir Charles Tidbury in 1990. They are expected to contest efforts to have them extradited and the proce-

dure could go oo for months. The two other IRA prisoners freed Monday before years respectively armed robbery.

The releases brought to 36 the number of IRA prisoners granted early freedom hy the Irish government over the past 1g months.

Rival Republican and Protestant declared ceasefires last year in their 25-year battle over British rule of Northern Ireland. But the search for a permanent political settlement is deadlocked over British demands that both sides hand in their weapons before peace talks can start.

completing their jail sen-Hanoi expels 2 Vietnamese-Americans

HANOI (R) — Vietnam has expelled two Vietnamese-Americans jailed in Angust for plotting to overthrow the government, Vietna-mese and U.S. officials said Monday, removing an obstacle to improved trade ties betweeo Hanoi and Washington.

A Viemamese official in Ho Chi Minh City, who asked oot to be named, said Nguyeo Tan Tri and Tran Quang Liem had been deported from Vietnam Suoday morning, within hours of an announcement hy the official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) of Hanoi's decisioo to expel

them. The move was confirmed by a U.S. embassy spokesman in Hanoi who said the pair had been placed on a flight to Bangkok before being seot back to the United States. The spokesman said he iour would make it harder

did not have details of their for Hanoi to win trade benexpected arrival time in the United States, but understood the pair were flying to Los Angeles. Mr. Tri and Mr. Liem

were first arrested in November of 1993, and placed on trial in Ho Chi Minh City in August. They were scotenced along with seven Vietnamese nationals to varying prisoo terms oo

subversion charges. The decision to deport them marks an about-turn for Hanoi which had earlier indicated they would have to serve their full prisoo sentences before being

expelled. It also follows pressure from Washington, which had crincised the decision to jail them saying the pair were "peacefully" asserting

their political views. The United States added at the time that such behav-

U.S. diplomats and business executives io Hanoi declined commeot on the case Monday, but the move, which came oo the eve of a series of visits by U.S. trade representatives and cultural groups to Hanoi, was welcomed in private by mem-

bers of the American com-

munity in the Vietnamese

efits it seeks from Congress.

Ohviously wheo one of the designated buman rights candidates gets freed it removes a potential problem," said one business executive, who refused to be named.

"It's a good step, it'll take away another ohstacle," he added.

The United States formally established full diplomatic ties with Vietnam in Aug. 20 years after the end of the

Armenia's nuclear plant starts generating electricity again

YEREVAN (R) - An Ar- ducing 50 megawatts of casian republic, the spokesmenian nuclear power plant near the capital Yerevan has started generating electrici-ty again after lying idle for over six years following a devastating 1988 earthquake, a government spokesman said.

reactor, located in Metsamor, 25 kilometres southwest of Yerevan, began pro- takes hold in this Trans-cau-

electricity a day Sunday, the spokesman told Reuters.

But Yerevan's residents, starved of heat and light. were still receiving electricity for only about an hour a

The power station, with a safety. The first block of the capacity of 450 megawatts a day, would gradually increase output as wioter

man said.

The Metsamor plant was undamaged by the 1988 earthquake that killed over 25,000 people, but it was subsequently closed due to public worries about its

The government, facing a erisis due to chronic electricity shortages, decreed in 1993 it would be reopened.

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Cause that lives

THERE WERE many ominous signals in the past that extremism in Israel was getting out of control. But all these signals remained unheeded. The assassin of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin was not just Yigal Amir, who pulled the trigger Saturday and pumped three hullets into him. The profile of the killer shows beyond a shadow of doubt that what stood behind Amir was a movement uurtured on hate, fanaticism, and overzealous attachment to a dangerous dream otherwise known as "greater Israel" encompassing all the occupied Arah territories.

The assassin himself is said to be a member of a shadowy group of hardliners called Eyal, an acronym for the "Fighting Jewish Organisation," which appears to be an offshoot of the racist anti-Arah Kach movement founded hy Meir Kahane. Eyal was also affiliated with another hawkish faction called the "Swords of David," which made its intentions known well in advance when it issued clear threats that Rabin must die. All these splinter groups, which found comfort and support in the posture of the Likud Party and other rightists against giving up the West Bank, were devout believers in the notion that Jews have a Biblical hirthright to all of former Palestine. Many armed Jewish settlers are part and parcel of this movement whose leaders also called on the Israeli armed forces to disobey military orders over redeployment in the West Bank in accordance with the Oslo II agreement.

In retrospect, the Kach member who massacred 29 Palestinian worshippers in Hebron's Al Ibrahimi Mosque in 1994 was no different from the new assassin Amir. The same goes for the religious fanatic who tried to burn down the Al Agsa Mosque in 1968 in order to make room for the reconstruction of the so-called Temple Mount synagogue and for the right-wing extremist who renade on a Peace Now movement rally in 1983, killing one person, Emil Grunsweig, and injuring several others. It came as no surprise, therefore, that Amir told the police that he acted on God's orders and that he had no regrets over what he did. The only surprise was the failure hy the late prime minister, his government and the Israeli security apparatus to take such threats seriously enough and do something about them.

The anatomy of Israeli extremism is such that it should not have been taken lightly, or even encouraged, before the very eyes of Israeli government and security forces. Above all the followers of all the radical factions in Israel should not have been allowed to carry arms and act as bandits, particularly in the occupied territories. What started as verbal ahuse against the peace activists in the region ended up as physical violence without an iota of repentance. Rahin thus became the principal victim of a phenomenon that should have been checked long

As the body of the prime minister was laid to rest yesterday, all manifestations of extremism should have been ohvious to all the world leaders who paid homage to him. It is incumbent on those leaders, particularly the Israelis, to join and step up the fight against fanaticism and extremism and to make additional commitments to advance the cause of peace.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

WHILE EXPRESSING regret over the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and condemnation of all forms of acts of terror, Al Ra'i Arabic daily Monday blamed the Israeli government for not acting in advance to stem the hostile spirit of the extremists against peace. The Israeli government, which has witnessed or condoned similar acts of terrorism practised by the Jewish settlers against the Arabs, should have taken drastic measures to deter such actions and should have prevented the settlers and other extremist elements from carrying weapons, said the daily. The extremists were allowed to stage hostile marches and protests against the Arabs, against peace and against Rabin who they described as a Nazi leader working against the Zionists interests, said the paper. The behaviour has created an atmosphere within the Israeli society filled with hatred towards not only the Palestinians but also towards the ruling Labour-led government, added

IN THE view of Mohammad Kawash, a columnist in Al Dustour, Rabin's murderer Yigal Amir was the natural product of a society filled with malice, extremism and hatred towards the world. The terrorist was born to a society inclined towards waging war on the Arabs and occupying their lands and treating the Palestinians with the utmost forms of cruelty, a policy that has helped to keep the Jewish society in Israel somewhat united, said the writer. Once the Israeli government opted for peace with the Arabs, it opened the way for splits within this society whose extremists elements have obviously chosen to disregard dialogue and other forms of democracy and resort to force to have their own way, he continued. The murder of Rabin signals the beginning of the decadence of the Israeli society which has formented and fostered hatred and malice against the Arab people in general and the Palestinians in particular, said the writer.

The View from Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

Yitzhak Rabin's complex political and human legacy

THE ASSASSINATION of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Saturday and his very moving burial yesterday have unleashed a torrent of accolades whose emotionalism is understandable in terms of the human loss to his family and his countrymen and women, but whose historicity will require rather more time to be accurately judged. t sincerely join all those who have expressed their condolences to the Rabin family and to the people of Israel on the loss of a man with remarkable leadership qualines. He should not have died like this. He deserved to live out his life and to see and enjoy the full fruits of the peace process that he had personally initiated along with other Israeli and

The full implications and context of his death will be determined by the passage of time, and the verdict of history. That historical record, from the Arab perspective, is mixed, but, I would argue, is also largely favourable to bim and to his personal and political legacy. His assassination speaks much about his own person and about the condition of Israeli society. It is important for us to try to sort out all aspects of what his life represented, so that we may continue to build upon his positive contributions to modern Middle Eastern history while containing and minimising the more problematic aspects of his career and politics. We need to apply the same criteria in assessing his life as he applied in conducting it: the triumph of reason over emotionalism, and of peace-making over militarism

The first thing that strikes me about this assassination in political terms is that it represents a sad, tragic yet probably inevitable Middle Easternisation of Israeli political culture. The fact that this is the first assassination of an Israeli national leader by an Israeli citizen reflects the ugly ascendancy of the politics of militant absolutism within Israeli society. Assassinations themselves are not necessarily a fatal blow to democracy, as the American experience shows; theological militarism, ideological absolutism and territorial exclusionism, however, are very serious political ailments that plague much of our beloved Middle East, of which Israel is becoming an integral part.

The right-wing violence and messianic extremism that defined Mr. Rabin's assassin did not emanate from a historical vacuum. The politics of Zionist colonialism that was manifested most dramatically in the expansion of armed Jewish settlements in occupied Palestinian lands since 1967 has been clearly defended and often militarily and economically protected by policies of successive Labour- and Likud-led governments. The tragedy of Mr. Rabin's assassination should not blind us to the historical reality of the Labour Party's active acquiescence in the growth and political power of the rightist camp in Israel. The manner in which Mr. Rabin's peace-making government had shielded the armed colonist-settlers from the dictates of Zionist redeployment during the last two years of the Oslo peace process is a stark historical fact that will not disappear before the many positive aspects of his character. How the Zionist right's substantial power in Israel plays itself out remains to be seen.

It has been obvious for years that the ideological clash between the Labour and Likud factions within Israeli political life would not simply fade away, but rather would lead to a more violent confrontation. I and others have suggested that an Israeli civil war was inevitable, and this killing is, sadly, one of its most serious results. It is unlikely to be its only or its last manifestation.

After a period of mourning and of paying respects to Mr. Rabin's memory, Israeli society is going to have to deal with the consequences of having allowed the colonial and militaristic mentality of Israeli rightists to expand over the last several decades. A major ideological battle is being waged in Israel today between those forces of compromise and reason that Mr. Rabin represented, and those forces of absolutism and extremism that the Likud and its crazed rightist militaristic sympathisers represent. It is unpleasant to see Israelis fighting out an ideological battle by subjugating Arabs or by killing each other, but this is precisely what we are witnessing within Israel today. For the sake of the Israeli people and for all the people of our region, we should hope that the ideological civil war in Israel is brief and non-violent. But we would be naive to expect it to disappear quickly.

Our hope is that the brand of realism that Mr. Rabin

represented will triumph over the fanancism of the loonie right. A similar ideological struggle has been waged within Arab society for several decades, and has resulted, to date, in the triumph of Arab realism and moderation, as represented by the policies to leaders such as King Hussein and President Arafat. These are not easy policies to pursue, because they require people to make compromises and choices that they would normally prefer to avoid. Most of the Arab countries involved have suffered their own civil wars, in various forms, with various degrees of violence, and at various moments of modern history. Now it is Israel's turn. This civil war is both the perplexing price of membership in the Middle Eastern club of modern Oriental political culture, and history's cruel revenge for having appeased the militant right for so many decades.

The Labour Party's legacy is very mixed. The personal legacy of Mr. Rabin is far more positive. Despite Mr. Rabin's long track record of the use of severe violence against Palestinians and other Arabs during most of his life, including his particularly vulgar and ineffective "iron fist" policy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, his greatest legacy is that he understood and grasped the historical moment when Israel had to assure its security by political rather than by military means. Mr. Rabin was a dedicated professional soldier who fought bravely in several wars. His greatest achievement is that he understood the limits of soldiering, he recognised the point beyond which military might alone could not assure Israel's security. He was able to appreciate the importance of Israeli recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians as a prerequisite for genuine peace, and he mustered the political courage to lead his people into a political compromise with the Palestimans that also triggered a peace agreement with Jordan and a gradual movement towards reconciliation and peaceful coexistence with the other Arab states in this region.

We should posthumously acknowledge the historical importance of Mr. Rabin's realisation that be could not forever preserve the security of Israel or the Jewish people by the force of arms, or by perpetual physical occupation of Arab lands. These are not easy positions for an Israeli general to adopt, but Mr. Rabin adopted them in the end because he allowed his humanism to triumph over his infatuation with the power of guns and the insecurity of Jews. I suspect that the majority of Israelis share his views, and this is why he could consistently carry a small majority of Israelis in his peace-making policies. I hope we can believe - as I do - that the accolades now being poured on Mr. Rabin do not necessarily distinguish or separate him from the rest of his countrymen and women, but rather mirror the rational, peace-and-justice sentiments that define the majority of Israelis. It was to his credit that he seized the historical opportunity to give his people the chance to validate his caunous moves towards peace through recognition of the national reality of the Palestinian people and the PLO, and his determination to make just peace with the other neighbouring Arab states.

The intellectual, moral and historical force that will

forever define Mr. Rabin's legacy, and that causes me and others in the Arab World to mourn his loss, is change. He changed for the better as he grew, and be matured politically as he assumed national power and responsibility. He understood the primacy of Palestinian and Arab dignity and justice as determinants of Mideast peace and security that were as important as military means and strategic security doctrines. He was convinced that change for the better would also define the peace processes that he had unleashed with King Hussein and Yasser Arafat, despite many people's uneasiness with the logistics and specifics of those peace processes. He understood before he died that soldiering was a vocation, that warfare was even an inevitability that plagued Arab and Israeli states, but that justice — even achieved slowly and incrementally — was a far more important value that defined the Arab and Israeli eople and their shared Semitic cultural legacy. He ended his life on a complex note of realism, parience, humanism, determination, and hope; in doing so, at the end of his long and rich career he probably set the best example of his life. Let us hope that his example has left a permanent mark on

Rabin is victim of 'messianic' violence

By Michael Jansen

AS THEY buried their slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Israelis began to criticise the "cli-mate of violence" in their society which encouraged Rabin's assassin to strike, and, among a certain constituency. gave legitimacy to his action.

For many Israelis the most shocking aspect of the aftermath of the assassination was the fact that a minority of schoolchildren celebrated Rabin's killing when they returned to classes on Sunday morning. Headmasters called upon the government to 'provide counselling" for such pupils.

Although leaders of the militant settler movement, like Rabbi Eleazer Waldman of Kirvat Arab near Hebron, condemned the act of assassination, they continued to condemn Rabin's policy of "giving away the Land of Israel," and were totally unreprentant in their cri-

Interior Minister Ehud P. rak, the former armed forces chief-ofstaff, regretted past inaction against violent elements and stated that people who committed: verbal or physical violence against politicians are during demonstra-tions would be prosecuted.

And Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, speaking from Tel Aviv shortly after the murder. blamed the Likud and other right-wing parliamentary opposition parties for legitimising abusive behaviour towards politicians who support the peace pro-

Although the Likud leader. Benyamin Netanyahu, attempted to fend off such accusations, Israeli analysts expect there will be a popular backlash against the opposition for its excesses, a backlash which Labour hopes might give it victory in the 1996 Knesset elections. (This backlash would, however, have to be sustained for many months because an election can only take place 100 days after the dissolution of parliament.

Violence has always been an aspect of Israeli society, violence against Arab and Palestinians. violence against the British during the colonial period and violence among Jews. Moshe Menhuin, writing about his boyhood in Tel Aviv before World War I. was repelled by the violence of the Ultraorthodox against secular Jewis.

Rabin himself contributed to the "climate of ! violence" and the appears tite for violence when, as" defence minister durign the opening months of the intifada, he ordered young recruits to beat Palestinian demonstrators and "break their bones." Rabin also contributed to the climate of violence by dehumanising Israel's Arab opponents by calling them

"Although the Likud and other right-wing parties are now expected to trim their rhetoric and try to lower the temperature in the political debate now taking place in Israel, it is unlikely that they will pacify their followers for long because the debate is seen by them, and by the peace camp, as existential, a debate on whether there is a Jewish state in a small Israel or, a Biblical-style Jewish state in the whole Land of Israel."

which his rightist critics exploited by accusing Rabin of collusion with the "terrorists" and of becoming a "terrorist" himself, depicting him wearing the "terrorist" headdress of Yasser Arafat, his partner in peace.

It was the 1992 Lebanon war that sparked the kind of violent political activity Israel is now ex-

by right-wing supporters of the war against leftwing opponents. The violence climaxed in February 1983 when rightists threw a grenade reace now march and killed a protesting paratrooper. Emil Grunsweight, who had served in Lebanon in spite of his opposition to war. It was during this

periencing. This vio-lence was first directed

period that the violent "terrorists," an epithet

right attained legitimacy under the umbrella of the ruling Likud Party. During this demonstration their chant was "Sharon, Sharon!," in support of the defence minister forced out of office by the Sabra-Shatila massacre in-

quiry.
The violent right has sheltered under this umbrella since then, and

this has deterred the present Labour government ' from taking action against these groupings and individuals. The violence that kil-

led Rabin can be categorised as "messianic," the believe Israel is the "Land God Promised the Jewish People" and for whom the return of any land to its native Palestinians is anathema. This type of vio-lence flowed from the characterisation as "miraculaous" Israel's victory over the Arabs and conquest of the West Bank and Gaza in 1967. A majority of Israelis came to depict Israel's success in the socalled six-day war as "a miracle" which enabled them to secure the "entirc Land of Israel." which, should, because God-given, never be alienated. The Israeli religious establishment adopted the victory as a modern "miracle" and moved to the right of the political spectrum. The Labour Party encouraged Israelis to think in such terms and the Likud. after it came to power, solidified attitudes by calling the West Bank 'Judea and Samaria,' a practice Labour continued after it came to power in 1992.

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vain to hope that this debate will remain cool during the coming election campaign, though the security forces may now try to contain the most violent elemeots in the society. Too late to save the life of Yitzhak Rabin and, perhaps, too late to inhibit further polarisation in Israeli society and to save the peace process.

Rabin slaying raises questions about peace process

By Nicolas B. Tatro The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — The assassin's bullet may slow Israel's plans to withdraw

from the West Bank, but it is not expected to halt the peace process. At least initially, the slaying of Prime Minister

Yitzhak, Rabin has paralysed Israel, and it may take weeks for Shimon Peres, the new leader, to quell the internal turmoil.

The key question is whether Mr. Peres can sustain the existing government, which holds a onevote majority in the 120seat parliament, without entering into extended poli-

rical negotiarions.

If so, Mr. Peres will not hesitate to move quickly to fulfill the Israel-PLO plan for ending Israel's occupation of West Bank towns and villages and holding. Palestiman elections before Jan. 20.

"You cannot kill the noble and great idea of peace. There is nothing else we can do as comrades, as friends. but to continue along a great road paved by a great leader," Mr. Peres told re-

In that, Mr. Peres has a willing partner in Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader who made elear his concern that the killing of Mr. Rabin would not be a

pretext for freezing the process just as Israel was poised to leave the first major city on Nov. 19.

Israelis and the Palcstinians have the ability to overcome this tragedy against the peace process and the whole situation in the Middle East." Mr. Arafat told

Palestinian sources said the shooting heightened concern that Mr. Arafat would become a target from Jewish settlers, and the Palestinian leader ordered his security forces on heightened alert.

The most likely scenario was that in the short lerm the Israeli-Palestinian peace process would gain momentum, in part because the night-wing opposition will have suffered a blow to its credibility.

"The peace process isn't going to be derailed," said Ariel Merari, a Tel Aviv University expert on political violence. "On the contrary, the assassination will make violent opposition in Israel less powerful than before.

Yossi Alpher, a political scientist, said delay of the peace process would depend in large measure on whether Israeli elections set for November 1996 would be held early.

"If there are early eleclions, it might conceivably cause a freeze in the pro-cess." he said. "On the other hand it may produce a wave of support for the process. It is too early to

Thus, it is not surpris-

In the longer term, Mr. Peres lacks Mr. Rabin's ability to call on a military background to lend credibility to his decisionmaking. Mr. Rabin was a former chief of staff who spent 28 years in uniform while Mr. Peres does not have battlefield experience.

Insiders suggest Mr. Peres may be able to shore up his position by giving the defence ministry job which Mr. Rabin kept for himself — to the interior minister, former army chief

of staff Ehud Barak. If so, the government may be able to enter the next phases of the peace process - negotiations with Syria and talks with the Palestinians on the final status of Jewish settlements. Jerusalem, borders and re-

fugees. The talks on final

status are scheduled to start

next May. A government official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the West Bank withdrawal could be slowed by a matter of days but that it was likely the end-of-year deadline would be met for completing the pulloack and arranging Palestinian elections before

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PARIS (Agencies) — Two Algerians were indicated on Monday in connection with a wave of terrorist bombings across France which have killed seven people and wounded nearly 200 since last July

The two were each charged in connection with different attacks in the series of eight bombings and attempted bombings blamed on the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which is fighting to overthow the military-backed Algerian government and blames France for backing the Algiers regime.

Anti-terrorist Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere charged Omar Allaoui, alias Smain Ait Ali Belkacem, 27, with attempted murder for an attack on a Paris underground train last month which injured 28 people, iudicial sources said.

Mr. Allaoui was one of three men arrested last Thursday at Villeneuve d'Ascq, near Lille in northeastern France, for allegedly planning to bomb a market in the northern French city. Judge Bruguiere also in-

dicted Boualem Bensaid, 28 - whose arrest last week preceded a number of arrests in France and London with an October 6 blast at the Maison Blanche metro station in Paris.

Bensaid was also charged by Magistrate Laurence le Vert with involvement in planting a bomb that failed to go off on a Paris-Lyon high-speed TGV train line last August, near Lyon.

Police have said his fingerprints were found on gas canisters left on the railway line and at the scene of the Maison Blanche blast, The Maison Blanche blast

was believed to be in retaliation for the police killing of Algerian-born terrorist suspect Khaled Kelkal in a village west of Lyon of the same

Kelkal's fingerprints were also found on the gas canister

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Scotland Yard meanwhile maintained the heat on London's Algerian Islamic community after a spate of weekend arrests in connection with attacks in France claimed by Muslim fundamentalists.

A spokeswoman said two men arrested Saturday under Britain's Prevention of Terrorism Act, and an unspecified number arrested on Sunday, were all still in custody

midday Monday. She declined to give their names or nationalities. But one detained Saturday was identified by police sources as Abdul Kader Benovis, also known as Abu Fares. The British press said the second one was Farouk Deneche.

Mr. Abu Fares, considered by Algeria as a long-time member of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), was sentenced to death in absentia in Algeria in connection with a 1992 attack that killed nine and injured 123 at the Algiers

Parisian authorities consider him one of the brains behind the blasts in France since July.

Algerian sources said Mr. Abu Fares is close to pur-ported GIA head Djamel Zitouni.

Farouk Deneche was said in press reports to be the brother of Abdul Karim Deneche, an Algerian suspected in the first Paris bombing in July, and who Sweden has refused to extradite to

The Scotland Yard spokeswoman declined to say how many persons were arrested on Sunday, but said the raids included the seizure of inspecified "documents."

The suspects were being held in London's highsecurity Paddington Green jail nuder the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which allows detention for periods of up to 48 hours without charge or

warrant. A special order from the Home Office would be required to extend the detention without charge, but then only to a maximum of five additional days. There was no indicacion that an extention had been requested.

The British press said the suspects were to be questioned by French police and investigating magistrates ex-pected in London on Mon-day. But Scotland Yard denied this, saying only that they were liaising with French police."
Neither Scotland Yard nor

the Home Office would comment on reports of international arrest warrants or a French extradition request concerning any of those being

British press reports, quoting intelligence sources, said Mr. Abu Fares had asked Britain for political asylum about a year ago and has been living here on public assistance while his case is under consideration.

The reports said he headed the London extremist Arabic language underground newspaper Al Ansar, considered to be a voice of the GIA.

Al Ansar, distributed principally outside London mosques after Friday prayers, has called for the assassination of Westerners and Algerian government representatives. The weekend arrests were

seen as a sign that Britain, accused by France and by Arab ambassadors here of having too soft an approach to extremists, was adopting a more heavy-handed attitude.

The arrests came three days after Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind warned he intended to take "a very, very hard line" against Islamic extremists seeking to promote terrorism from Brit-

It was, said Mr. Rifkind, "out of the question that Great Britain should become an exporter of terrorism."

King reaffirms pledge to stay course of peace

(Continued from page 1) 2 10 one God. This is where we stand. This is our camp. "Maybe God will bless you to me, speaking of peace, with the realisation that you speaking about dreams and hopes for generations to must joio it, and we pray that come that must live in peace. you will. But otherwise we enjoy human dignity, come are not ashamed, nor are we together work together to afraid, oor are we anything build a better future that is but determined to conclude our right.
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> "He was a man of courage, a man of vision, and he was endowed with one of the greatest virtues that any man can have. He was endowed with humility.

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"He bad courage. He had vision, and be had a commitment to peace. And, standing here, I commit before you, before my people in Jordan, and before the world, myself to continue to do the utmost to ensure that we shall leave a similar legacy.

"And when my time com-es. I hope it will be like my grandfather's, and like Yit-

zhak Rabin's. "So many live and so many inevitably die. This is the will of God. This is the way of the world. But those who are fortunate and lucky in life are those who leave something behind. And you are such a man, my friend.

"The peaceful people in the majority of my country, of the Armed Forces and people who once were your enemies are somber today and their bearts are heavy. Let us hope and pray that God will give us all guidance each in his respective position to do what He can for the better future that Yitzhak Rabin sought.

"As long as I live I will be proud to have known bim to have worked with him as a brother, as a friend, and as a man. And the relationship of friendship we had was something unique and I am proud

Earlier King Hussein ex-pressed bis condolences to the wife of the slain Israeli prime minister.

"There are no words that can express one's feelings at the sense of personal loss that I have over a friend, of a colleague, of a man I admired and respected," be told Israeli radio.

"Condolences from all of us who belong to the peace camp," he said after paying his respects to Leah Rabin.

"We feel committed to pursue the same path to remain committed to his memory and accomplish our duty to future generations," said

Arafat mourns 'brave friend'

(Continued from page 1) occupied Arab territories, papers said they expected

said a hand of hatred had acting Mr. Peres to pursue struck down Mr. Rabin. the peace process more vigorously than Mr. Rabin. Once again the cruel band of intolerance and hatred has "The Middle East peace struck down a leader who had process will not be very much the courage to choose the affected by Rabin's disappearance," the United Path of peace out of the Arab Emirates paper Al wilderness of endless war," Bayan said. "It's true Rabin the WCC declared in a statewas prime minister but the ment from its general secretary, Konrad Reiser. real architect of this process

Bayan said.

The Saudi newspaper Al Bilad said, 'Shimoo Peres

will without a doubt pursue

the peace policy of his predc-

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is more favourable to it and

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ibility" in the negotiations.

paper Al Arab said "military

men like Rabin, who made

war on the Arabs, cannot

achieve" a just and compre-

bensive peace.

In Doha, the Qatari news-

Israel, the Middle East is Shirnon Peres." and the world are impover-"Peres will now realise that shed by this ignominious his only chance to win the deed and the loss it has next legislative electious is to caused," said Mr. Reiser. reach a comprehensive also a leader of Germany's peace. It can be foreseen that evangelical church. he will take rapid and more effective initiatives," Al

"As prime minister, Yit-2hak Rabin was wise enough to see that in these lands, considered holy by those who ollow the three Abrahamic faiths, there must be room for all and a way to live

together in peace. May God grant that those Who resist such a choice take this tragedy as a warning and as an opportunity to turn towards, the promise of a mon future for Israel and its neighbours," the state-

ment added Several-Gulf Arab news-

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capital are delighted over the assassination of Mr. Rabin.

"indifferent" about Mr. Rabin's fate and 4.8 had "no special feelings," according

those questioned were not aware of the former prime minister's official post, 20 per cent did not know him and the rest either thought he was Israel's president or "minister of war."

Kuwaiti commentators made sharply divided assessments of assassinated Rabin. with some mourning a visionary and others denouncing a

Two Algerians indicted | Crown Prince pays tribute to Rabin, says faith in peace is stronger than violence

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath on Monday visited the residence of the Israeli ambassador to Jordan to offer their condolences over the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Wriong in the condolences register in his name and on behalf of Princess Sarvath, Prince Hassan said: "We in Jordan are disgusted by repetition of these foolish and barbaric acts of violence. These feelings are only overcome by our inalienable faith in and commitment to peace, righteousness and justice. We are certain that these values were dear to the late Israeli prime minister."

Prince Hassan told the press that he was griefed and pained by the loss of Mr. Rabin, who "contributed to the success of the peace process and paid his life as a price for it."



residence of the Israeli ambassador in Amman. Behind the Crown Prince are (left to right) Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli embassy Jacob Rosen, the Crown Prince's secretary Samir Rifai and the German Ambassador Heinrich Reiners

of heads of state and prime ministers at the funeral of Mr. Rabin emphasises the seriousness of the world

Sarvath were received at the ambassador's residence by Jacob Rosen and the ambas-

He added that the presence achieving peace in the region. sador's wife. The ambassa-Prince Hassan and Princess dor, Shimon Shamir, accompanied His Majesty King Hussein on his trip to West Israeli Charge d'Affaires Jerusalem to attend Mr.

ordan loses partner in peace

By Rana Sabbagh · Reuter

AMMAN --- The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has deprived Jordan of a trusted partner in its drive to expand the peace it reached their with the Jewish state into a wider Middle East settlement.

"I personally have lost a true friend in this region," King Hussein said in a letter to Israeli President Ezer Weizman, "I shall always remember him as my dedicated colleague and fellow shepherd of the Jordanian-Israeli peace process."

The King himself appears confident that Shimon Peres, who took over as caretaker prime minister, will stick to the path of his predecessor.

But the King will miss the rapport be built with Rabin over reaching the October 1994 peace treaty. Both showed pragmatism, urging their people to topple psychological barriers and take calculated

risks for peace. But many Jordanians remain hostile to Israel and

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The ceremony drew to

Jerusalem not only the lead-

ers of the West, but also King

Hussein, Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak and ministers

from Oman and Qatar, coun-

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considered a pariah state by

many only a few years ago,

has secured its place among

the nations as a result of Mr.

Rabin's peace agreements with Jordan and the Palesti-

President Clinton affec-

tionately recalled Mr.

Rabin's lack of pretense and

formality. Mr. Rabin, who

always preferred the com-

pany of gruff soldiers to that

of diplomats, had come to a

black-ne dinner in Washing-

ton in September without the

I was privileged to straighten it for him," said Mr. Clinton,

wearing a black skullcap. "To

him, ceremonies and words

were less important than

Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah,

who had wept through most of the speeches, smiled at

hearing Mr. Clinton's recol-

But Mr. Rabin's grand-

daughter, 17-year-old Noa

Ben-Artzi, said: "How can

you console a whole nation

when grandma has not stop-

wolf," the red-haired, freck-

led girl said, weeping as she

spoke of the intensely private

"You were so wonderful,"

she said. "Ones greater than

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The unprecedented turn-

the peace treaty, which has failed to bring rapid economic gains.

And the assassination of Rabin by a Jewish student who supported Jewish settlement on Palestinian land has raised questions about the pace of the U.S.-driven Middle East peace process ahead of Israeli general elections in 1996.

"Jordanian officials seem worried because they do not know what will happen next in Israel, and how this could affect broader peace in the region, which they still need," a senior westem diplomat told Reuters. It could delay progress on other Arab-Israeli deals that Jordan feels it needs to cement its own peace

This concerns Jordanian officials, the diplomat said. "They are raising many uncertainties that could lie

ahead, including fear of internal feuds in the Labour Party, whether Peres can match Rabin's leadership qualioes to take erucial decisions on the rest of the Arab peace tracks, and if be can set up a stable govheld in late 1996." The peace process with the Palestinians is still not

enorely guaranteed. Although Israeli troop redeployments in the West Bank were negotiated in the latest agreement with the PLO in September, difficult talks loom next year on the "final status" of the Palestinian entity and the future of Jerusalem.

Talks are also stalled with Syria. Israel is deeply divided about returning the Golan Heights, captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Jordanian officials be-

lieve that anger in Israel at the killing of Rabin could boost Labour and Peres, who although he lacks Rabin's vote-catching power at home is more popular in most Arab capitals. "The attack occurred

during a pro-peace rally," said Fayez Al Tarawneh, Jordan's ambassador to the United States and its former chief peace negotiator.

"This might prod a large number of Israelis who still stand on the edge of the two camps to choose the peace camp," he said. "It could well be to their

Jordan and Israel have opened borders, exchanged ambassadors and reached cooperation accords. But the process still has far to

There were a few signs of sorrow in a country where many see their strategic interests better protected by close alliance with the rest of the Arab World rather

Jordanians generally still view Israel as an occupier which is reluctant to accommodate Palestinian rights to nationhood and to withdraw from the rest of the occupied Arab territories in Syria and Lebanon.

The Islamic Action Front, which with other independent allies holds a third of the 80 seats in Parliament and has tried to sabotage the treaty, said the Arabs should not shed tears over Rabin's loss since he was the one who fought them and occupied

Australian Prime Minister

Paul Keating; Austrian

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky;

British Prime Minister John

Major, Prince Charles:

Bulgarian President Zhelyu

Zhelev; Canadian Prime

Minister Jean Chretien; Dan-

ish Prime Minister Poul

Nyrup Rasmussen; Dutch

Since their peace deal,

This was evident in the streets after Rabin's killing.

than with Israel.

World bids farewell to Yitzhak Rabin

but the road was not at the eod. Mr. Rabin was one of the main engineers of that peace, be was a man who knew war and fought for peace.

The cabinet chief of Mr. Rabin read out the bloodsoaked copy of a peace song found in the pocket of the slain prime minister.

"Your blood covers the words," said Eytan Haber. "From this red paper, the blood... which cries out to us. I wish to read the words, from the last song that you

victory is ours," he con-eluded, reading the sheet neatly folded in four found in Mr. Rabin's pocket after be was gunned down by a Jewish fanatie minutes after attend-

spoke of the "nightmare" of

crying," said Noa Ban Artzi.
"Ones greater than I have eulogised you, but none knew the softness of your caress or that half-smile of yours that always said everything, that smile that is no

base of our recovery."

She said that the people who criticised his peace policies "knew nothing of you, and this is indeed a deep destruction on the family that stayed behind in the camp

and still are our own private bero. I want you to know that everytbing I dld and will do is for you... You were so wonderful." "I ask of you that you rest

She left the podium sob-

Settlers

A poll conducted by Akhbar newspaper on Sunday showed that 64 per cent of city residents "felt satisfied" over Mr. Rabin's death "because of his responsibility" for the killing of Sha-

Another 31.2 per cent of the residents said they felt

to the daily.

However, 55.6 per cent of

Leaving the podium in tears, she was hugged by her brother, Yonatan, dressed in an olive-drab paratrooper's uniform and red beret. Mr. Rabin was being laid

to rest in the city where he was born 73 years ago, and for which he had fought as a 26-year-old brigade commander in the 1948 war.

The coffin was carried about 200 metres to the gravesite in a pine glade. The flag was removed from casket and then it was lowered into the grave. Members of the burial society scooped earth into containers and covered the

The mourners had sat in rows of white chairs on Mount Herzl, where Mr. Rabin was buried among Israel's past leaders and military heroes. Many of the foreign visitors wore the black skullcaps of observant Jews, while others had on blue

baseball caps. Israelis still had difficulty understanding that the man they called "Mr. Security" was dead. Israelis had long believed that despite the mounting divisions over fate of the West Bank, political assassinations could never

happen in their country. Nearly one million people, out of a population of five million, filed past Mr. Rabin's casket laying in state outside parliament from midday Sunday to midday Monday. There were young children on their parents' shoulders, uniformed soldiers, religious Jews in skollcaps, Israeli Arabs in flowing head dresses. Many sobbed.

Dozens fainted. The simple wooden casket stood in a sea of wreaths, flower bouquets and handwritten notes of prayer.

One woman passed out paper doves of peace. Others left photographs of Mr. Rabin and signs reading "why?" and "rest in peace." Throughout the night, police issued appeals to

Israelis to stay away or delay

their arrival at the coffin site, as crowds filled side roads. around parliament. Mr. Clinton also paid his respects. He stood silently in front of the coffin, bowed his head and then mouthed a prayer for his friend. Mr. Clinton pressed the hand of

At the Tel Aviv square where Mr. Rabin was slain Saturday, thousands of Israelis gathered throughout the night, lighting candles and mounning a quiet vigil. Thousands more huddled outside the apartment buildiog where he lived in the northern Tel Aviv suburb of

Ramat Aviv. As Israel and the world mourned, the gunman was unrepentant.

Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, said the support of the Israeli people was helping ease her "It warms my heart to see that we have the partnership

of such a large part of the

people. But our pain will

remain with us and the gap

that was created is huge and is felt in the home... every day, all day, and it is terri-Throughout the night and Monday morning, 82 planes carrying foreign leaders land-

ed at Ben-Gurion interna-In an unprecedented security operation, some 12,000 police officers were deployed - 8,000 in Jerusalem and

4.000 at the airport. World leaders at the funeral included Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, British Prime Minister John Major, Prince Charles, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Moroccan Prime Minister Abdul Latif Filali was also breaking the Arab taboo on visiting Jerusalem, in another

Israel has declared two

Queen Beatrix, Prime Minister Wim Kok; Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; Estonian President Lennarı Meri; Finland's President Martti Abtisaari; French President Jacques Chirae: German Chancellor Helmut Kohl. President Roman Herzog; Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze; Greek Defence Minister Gerasimo Arsenis; Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn; Iceland's Prime Minister David Oddsson; Irish Prime Minister John Bruton; Italian Prime Minister Lambeno Dini; King Hussein; Litbuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius; Moldovan President Mircea negur; Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjron Tore Godal; Polish Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy; Portuguese President Mario Soares; Romanian President Ion Iliescu; Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin; Slovenian President Milan Kucan: South Korean Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo; Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, also representing the European Union; Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson; Turkish Prime Minister

among the mourners. Former U.S. presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter also were among the mourners.

days of official mourning. Television and radio stations gave non-stop coverage. against a background of mourning music.

his wife, Hillary, and fought Following is a list of the maback tears as he gazed at the

boost for the peace process. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali, Australian dent Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister Paul Keating George Bush; former secreand Japanese Foreign Ministaries of state James Baker ter Yohei Kono were also and Henry Kissinger; U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali; UNESCO Secretary

Tansu Ciller; Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma; U.S. President Bill Clinton; U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher; former presi-

General Federico Mayor. The Palestinian National Authority sent five ministers: Ahmad Qouriea, Nabil Shaath, Saeb Erekat, Faisal Husseini, Jamil Tarifi and

Freih Abu Medein. Many smaller countries and the Vatican were repre-

World life at this rally. We did not did not imagine that the injury would be so great, but

> tate in the peace. "Before that we sat, as is оиг custom, bebind closed doors and you told me for the first time that the job is wearing you down, but the quest

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death and we must not hesi-

for peace obligates you.... "You worked hard all your life, night and day, but the last three years were a crowningk glory of your efforts. You promised to change the order of priorioes and here came a new round of prioriries. A strong new wind of peace began to blow. Two peace accords with the Palestinians. These two agreements will allow them to go forward to just elections and we will not have to maintain an army in order to

govern a foreign people.... "I see our people with tears in their eyes but we know that the dummy bullet that killed you cannot kill the idea you started. You did not leave a will and testament but you left us a way upon which we will march with faith and determination....

"Farewell to you my elder brother, the bringer of peace. We will continue to carry this great peace from near and far, what you wanted in your life, what you left as your Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin said:

"His name will forever be associated in history with the accomplishment of an uoprecedented task, that of making transition to a new relaionship of peace and cooperation between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples." "The untimely loss at this important juncture has dealt

cause. We muset therefore redouble our efforts to acbleve our scared mission a just peace.
"Only through our unwavering commitment to this objective can we honour the

memory of this fallen hero of peace. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said that the world should take its inspiration from Mr. Rabin to create a united nation. He told the funeral cere-

mony that everyone bad koown the road to peace would "be hard and long."
"The mainstone was laid.

"Only the rejoicing in the

ing a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Saturday. The granddaughter of Mr. Rabin broke down in tears as sbe paid a touching tribute to her own private hero and

his death. "Now I wake up in a nightmare... I know people speak in terms of national disaster, but grandma can't stop

"There is no feeling of revenge in me for the pain does not allow it space. The ground that has been swept from under us will be the

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Investors hold nerve over Israel, see peace impetus

LONDON (R) — International investors see the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as a tragedy but say it is unlikely to either derail the overall peace process or scare away long-term investors.

The (Israel equity) market was down 3.5 per cent at one stage but if the Israeli people or world investors believed this death would seriously reverse the peace process or hold it up, it would have been off 10 per cent." said Roger Hornett, head of the Israel desk at Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull (SGST), whose \$140 million Israel fund was largely un-

changed Monday.

Foreign Colonial's (F.C.) \$37.5 million Israel fund. said the Israeli equity market was down slightly as expected but had already recovered. "It wasn't a crash ... though obviously this (event) doesn't

"There has been some selling by foreigners but the dedicated Israel funds and the more sophisticated investors will weather it, even if they put everything on hold for a week or so," he added.

Mr. Hornett said long term vestors would use any dips in the equity market as a buying opportunity, choosing sectors likely to benefit from the peace process and renewed immigration, like food Omar Masri, who manages and drink stocks, retailers

"Investment is cruel and hard, there is no false sympathy," Mr. Hornett added. "If the market is better it is because people see this (event) as a diversion and no

said there was a general "wait and see" attitude amongst investors in Europe. People realise there are plenty of ways this can be played out. It is relatively calm, there was some buying interest before the opening

Guy Rigden at UBS Ltd

Inquiries were coming from Europe, as the U.S. markets were not yet open.

and that has followed

The 50 Israeli stocks listed in the United States usually take their lead from Tel Aviv. "Their activity is often in other emerging markets anyway," noted F.C.'s Masri. Israeli company Teva was up two per cent after it announced it would buy 78 per cent of a Hungarian drug firm for \$26 million.

Market sources also expect new pressure from Israel's allies on countries like Syria, still officially at war with Israel, to "reach sensible terms." The shock at the assassination would boost such efforts.

"We have to say, thank God it wasn't an Arab assassin," said SGST's Hornett.

EU sees more imports of Gulf oil despite taxes

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The European Union (EU) expects to rely more on oil imports from Arab Gulf states although it is seeking to limit hydrocarbon consumption through taxes, according to the EU Commission.

It said the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states had become the biggest energy bloc in history, given their enormous oil and gas re-serves and their relatively small population of around

"Europe will continue to depend excessively on imported energy over the coming decades ... it can reduce this dependence only by a limited portion through cutting consumption and diversifying supply sources," the Commission said in a study published in the Abu Dhabi Chamber's magazine Satur-

"But there are difficulties for such diversification and we can not but rely more on the GCC as the most important energy supplier in the world," it added.

GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — control nearly 45 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves of around one trillion barrels. They also possess more than 17 per cent of the total global natural gas reserves.

The six members currently produce around 13 million barrels per day (b/d) of crude, accounting for nearly one fifth of the world's oil supplies. Their output is set to surge in future as world demand is steadily growing and supply sources in other areas will recede.

The EU is already the big-gest importer of Gulf oil, receiving more than four million b/d, or around one third of the total GCC crude ex-

It has been under fire by Gulf states and other oil producers over proposals to impose fresh energy taxes as a measure to limit consumption and protect the environment. Producers are worried the taxes would slow down growth in demand for crude and depress their eamings, already hurt by low oil prices.

"GČC states are holding the key which controls energy supplies to the world ... through raising or cutting production, they can deter-mine prices in the market and affect global inflation rates,' the EU study said.

That is wby stability in the Gulf region is extremely vital for Europe. Japan and the United States ... and that is why the relationship between the EU and the GCC surpasses a mere commercial link."

The study about the future relations between the EU and the GCC for the next 15 years forecast a five per cent growth in trade between the two blocs but ruled out signing the long-sought free trace pact before the year 2005.

Although it saw no major EU investment flow into the Gulf, it expected such an influx into the EU by Gulf

"The Gulf region does not constitute a priority for the EU private sector in its foreign investment as the Middle East is still considered a risk region. Investment opportunities are more attractive in such areas as the United States, Japan, East Europe and the Pacific region," the study said.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter-to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PRIVE

SYSAG

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LABEZA

Deficits expose South WO U.S East Asian currencies to speculative attacks

SINGAPORE (AFP) — The currencies of most South East Asian countries will be exposed to speculative attacks due to widening currentaccount deficits, but central banks are well-armed to thwart them, analysts said The Indonesian rupiah

plunged sharply on selling by singapore-based banks while the Thai baht was engulfed in an offsbore-led sell-off at the end of last week following a renewed run on the Mexican currency, dealers said. The two currencies bave

since recovered from their lows as traders were forced to short-cover from the market. Analysts said they came

under speculative attacks because foreign investors drew a parallel between the Thai and Indonesian economies and that of Mexico which have expanding currentaccount deficits. There was a similar slide

involving regional currencies during last January's Mexican oeso crisis.

"Regional currencies. especially the rupiab, the Thai baht and to a certain extent the Malaysian ringgit, will be subject to occasional speculative attacks because of their rising current account deficits," said Andy Tan, economist with MMS International here.

Mr. Tan told AFP that although the economic fundamentals of South East Asian nations were very much stronger than Mexico's. their currencies would be targets of speculators who. tend to link the economic ills of one emerging markets with

"The volatility of these currencies is an unavoidable outcome, this is part of the economies' growing pains." he said,

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAM

HOW THE PIZZA MAKER DESCRIBED

HIS JOB.

Now arrange the circled letters to

form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

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nomic Analysis (IDEA), said South East Asian central banks had enough reserves to counter such speculative attacks. Except for Singapore and Brunei which have favour able balances, Indonesia Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines are among the rapidly growing South Eag

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Asian economies whose cur-rent accounts are sinking deeper into the red. The current account, a key component of a nation's balance of payments, measures trade in goods and services plus financial transfers.

A recent Malaysian financ ministry report estimated that in 1995. Thailand's current account deficit was expected to grow to \$7.8 billion followed by Malaysia's \$7.3 billion, the Philippines' \$4.5 billion and Indonesia's \$3.6

Daniel Lian, economist with NatWest Capital Markets, attributed the soaring deficit to the widening gap between the rate of savings and investments. The deficit be said, probably had reached a peak and could see a modest correction at the end of 1996.

"It is not because these countries are not saving enough, but their investment rate bas shot up, there has been a buge inflow of foreign investments," Mr. Lian said.

Currencies will be subject to more volatility because the difference between savings and investment has to be financed by foreign savings," Mr. Lian noted.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1995

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Try not to disagree with a higher-up over practical affairs in the morning Later this evening, you handleper-sonal affairs successfully.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) This is not a good day today to gel into any new interest hurriedly, so stick to the tried and true. Later this evening, you can make fascinating new contact.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don't gel flustered if your mate is in poor humor in the morning today. Later this evening, yu can go out to amusements which you like the most.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) The morning today is not good for coming to a better agreement with a partner, but later this evening you can cement better rela-

LEO :(July 22 to August 21) Don't be forcefull at career activities in the morning today. Later tonight, look into new interests which could prove very profitable.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is not a good day to make appoint-ments with friends and close associates for recreation and then you can come to a fine

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SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Do not war sarcastic with others in the morning today. Later tonight all goes well in business for you to be successful and with your family.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You may find it difficult to handle financial affairs in the monting today, but later tonight study periodical which gives the right slant.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) The aspects are not good in the morning today for gaining personal wishes but later tonight you can solve practical problems

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't try to gain a personal wish in the moming today since later this evening you can get far better results. Act in a positive fashion.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A friend could disappoint you in the morning today, but later you near be with your mate for unex-pected pleasure in the even-

Birthstone of November: Topaz - Tiger's Eye

VOLKSWAGEN TO SET VW ASSEMBLY PLANT IN JORDAN



Dr. Piech visits VW/Audi Maintenance Center,

wagen Group A.G., Dr. Ferdinand Piech, announced during his recent visit to Jordan to attend the 95 MENA summit, that Volkswagen will set-up a VW assembly plant in Jordan, in partnership with VW's local dealership, the Motor Trade Co. This very important decision by VW-Group-Germany came as one of many other major re-

Chairman of the Volks- Summit, and proves that Jordan is qualified and capable of welcoming the aspired foreign investments.

The Jordan VW plant will be equipped for the assembly of ambulance as well as medium size buses and commercial vehicles. This major step by VW Group is an important indicator of the trust and confidence they vest in their-local sults of the MENA partners, Motor Trade Co., as well.

During a banquet held in honour of Dr. Ferdinand Piech by Motor Trade Co. Chairman, Mr. Zaht Masri, at his farm in South Shuneh. attended by Jordanian dignitaries and officials, Dr. Piech, presented a VW ambulance to the Jordan Armed Forces,

During his attendance of the 95 Amman Summit. Dr. Ferdinand Piech did not miss to visit Motor Trade Co. Showroom and Maintenance Centre in Marka where he expressed how impressed he was with the VW/Audi facilities, which was assigned



Dr. Piech seated with Former Prime Ministers, and Mayor Abbadi. 1994 as the Training as a gift from the VW Group, while Motor Centre for the Middle and Near East region. Trade Co. presented the Royal Air Force with an

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THE Daily Crossword by Harold B. Counts

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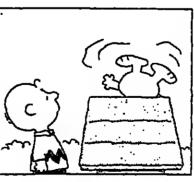
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NEW YORK (AFP) — The Los Angeles-based First Interstate Bank and First Bank

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The merger of FBS and First Interstate would broadsh Siong, an correct with British consultancy loss evelopment of Eq. alysis (IDEA) System of Minneapolis said countering a \$10 billion hos-

tile takeover bid last month for First Interstate by the California-based Wells Fargo Bank, which First Interstate formally rejected Monday. The terms concluded by

First Bank System (FBS) and First Interstate calls for a swap of 2.6 FBS shares to one First Interstate share, or \$132.275 a share at Friday's closing price for FBS shares. The price represents a 25

ayments, measm value of First Interstate on Oct. 17, the day before the hostilke takeover bid by Wells Fargo, the statement

The announcement sent First Bank System shares falling on the New York Stock Exchange in mid-morning trading, at \$49.5 per share, down \$1.37 from Friday. First Interstate lost 0.25 cents

Market reaction was considered crucial in the deal as the offer was to fluctuate in line with the share prices of Wells Fargo and First Bank

First Interstate would broadly extend their geographical reach, with an established presence in the midwest, west and southwest. Together the banks are present in 21 The agreement is aimed at states, but overlap in only three - Colorado, Montana

and Wyoming.
"First Bank System is very similar in characteristics to First Interstate, very spread out," said John Gutfreund. the former chief executive officer of Salomon Brothers who now heads J.H. Gutfreund and Co.

Mr. Gutfreund described the FBS-First Interstate merger "as a more natural marriage" than the alliance between Wells Fargo and First Interstate.

But he noted that Wells Fargo has "the ability to pay a lot more if they wanted" to acquire First Interstate.

FBS is a regional bank based in Minneapolis, Minnesota with \$37.3 billion in assets. It has 366 offices, mainly in Minnesota, Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana and Wisconsin.

First Interstate, which is strongest in California, has \$55.1 billion in assets and operates in 13 western states with 1,148 branch offices. The merger would result in

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year, the banks said. First Interstate said it had rejected the Wells Fargo offer because it would lead to

nia. The bank said it would reject the offer even if it were raised to 0.65 Wells Fargo shares for one of First Inter-

state, from an initial offer of 0.625 share to one.

At Friday's close, Wells Fargo's offer amounted to \$132.65 a share for First Interstate.

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NATIONAL STREET INDUSTRY	400	832	2.100	2.080
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A review of news from the Arabic press

Price of table eggs rises

**PRICES OF TABLE eggs went up for the its vast gas well second consecutive day and for the second time this month to reach JD 1.450 per carton.

At THE MINISTRY of Energy and Mineral the Saudi authorities.

Cabinet authorises minting

Jordan-Israel transport firm

has approved founding a public shareholding be built next year company to transport passengers between Jordan and Israel. The company will have a AP FAYEZ SUHEIMAT, director-general JD 10 million capital and will transport of the Industrial Estates Corporation, has (Al Ra'i).

Egypt exempts Jordanian trucks from 'diesel fees'

* ★ EGYPT DEC1DED to exempt Jordanian trucks crossing between Agaba and Nuweibe' from "diesel fees." The Egyptian decision comes in response to a Jordanian decision to exempt Arab trucks coming from Jordan from diesel fees on condition that Jordanian trucks entering any Arab country is given the same treatment (Al Ra'i).

Jordan asks S. Arabia to use

time this month to reach JD 1.450 per carton. The price of table eggs has risen about 53 per cent in less than a year. Market traders attribute the rise to large numbers of small poultry farmers leaving the market and to the lack of coordination between the association of foodstuff traders, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry and the Ministry of Supply. Some sources rejected any relation between the price rise of eggs and the increase in the price of fodder and the value of the dollar. Fodder prices did not go up more than 10 per cent at the most, the sources said. Also rising was the cost of Al Ghazal ghee which last week went up from JD 1.425 to JD 1.570 in addition to a reduction in the weight of the car. Other products such as I.425 to JD 1.570 in addition to a reduction in the weight of the can. Other products, such as the weight of the can. Other products, such as easier and cheaper to import gas from Saudi canned cheese and triangular cheese, are Arabia than from Egypt or Qatar, because if selling for higher prices within less than one the Saudis agree to export gas to Jordan, it would come directly through a pipeline whereas Egyptian or Qatari gas exports have to come by ships. However, Mr. Darwazeh noted, a Saudi approval would not mean gas ⇒ THE COUNCIL of Ministers has approved minting two JD 5 coins, one in silver and the other in metal on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations (Al Ra'i).

sufficiency for Jordan, but a step to consondate gas imports from Egypt and Qatar. Jordan's gas output from Al Risheh field covers only 15 per cent of the Kingdom's needs. The minister expressed hope that by the year 2000. Jordan will completely rely on sufficiency for Jordan, but a step to consoli-Minister okays setting up new

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The minister expressed hope that by the year 2000. Jordan will completely rely on gas instead of heavy fuel to generate electric power (Al Duetour)

THE MINISTER of industry and trade New, large industrial city to

passengers between Amman-Tel Aviv- announced that 2,000 dunums of land belong-Amman, Amman-Haifa-Amman, Aqaba- ing to a governmental institution were Eilat-Aqaba and Amman-Nazareth-Amman assigned to build a large industrial city south assigned to build a large industrial city south of Amman. Dr. Suheimat said the project, to be the largest industrial scheme in Jordan, will be implemented in two stages. The engineering designs and the tender documents will be prepared next month and the construction of buildings and networks will start during the second half of next year. He pointed out that the site will accommodate more than 300 small and medium-size industries which will be grouped according to sectors. The project will be financed from the corporation's own resources in addition to a loan from the European Investment Bank (Al Ra'i).

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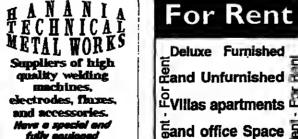
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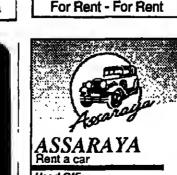
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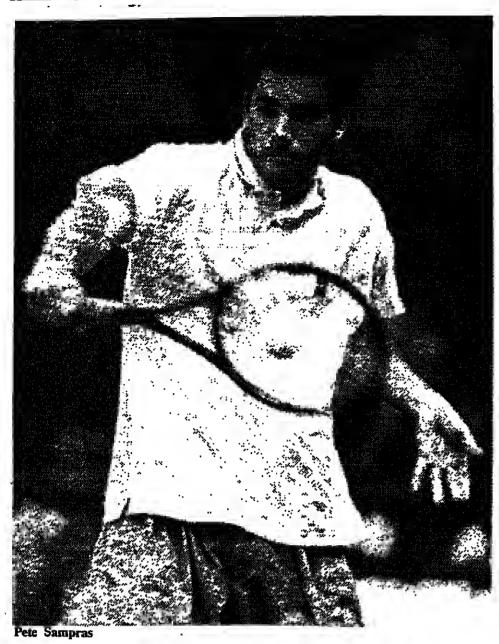
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Sampras back to No. 1 after a struggle

Sampras it's been a long road to regain the No. 1 spot in

It started in January, with tears shed on court for his had to leave the Australian Open with brain cancer.

Through April, when he lost the No. 1 ranking in teonis to Aodre Agassi after bolding it for 82 weeks.

Through July, when he won Wimbledon for the third consecutive time, beating Boris Becker but still trailing Agassi in the rankings. And September, when he

beat Agassi at the U.S.

So it is only fitting that Sampras regaioed the top spot in tennis after beating Becker in the final of the Paris Open, ironically at the expense of a missing Agassi, who could not defend his Paris Open title.

"I was going through a lot of tough times off the court with the situation with Tim and just my life in general. was in turmoil. 1 just needed to bounce back from tbat,' Sampras said after he beat Becker, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 6-4 to take the Paris title.

"This year is more rewarding that any year that I have had because I have been able to bounce back.

"I learned a lot about myself and learned a lot about my tennis and was able to bounce back from being pretty low," he said. "So it has been a strange year, but it

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also has been pretty good."

In Paris, Sampras took his
36th career title and fifth of the season and will move up from the No. 2 spot in the rankings he has held since Agassi overtook bim oo April 10.

"I think one of the main reasons why I lost the No. 1 ranking a while ago was I got hurt-at the end of last year and Andre certainly picked up his tennis and was playing extremely well." Sampras

Now Sampras will be ranked No. 1 heading into the ATP finals in Frankfurt, Germany Nov. 14-19.

In the Paris final, with both players serving under 50 per

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20. Gilbert Schaller (Aut) 1256

cent, it came down to wbo was more consistent in jumping on second serves to return vinners or set up the point.

"The return of services was the key was of the game.' Sampras said. "It always is against Becker. Like it was in

Wimbledon this year."

Becker led the ace count 19-12, but a number of his were needed to come from bebind in games.

"I can serve better," Beck-

"That key was he used his break point opportunities and I didn't use mine," Becker said. "He played excep-tionally well under pressure. He didn't make easy mis-

Izzy also will be in the Macy's Thanksziving Day pa-rade in New York for a

And in December, Izzy will tour shopping malls in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and outside San Francisco.

Retailers and licensees say Izzy product sales have been fair to good, and they expect them to get better between

Olympics mascot undergoes makeover

ATLANTA (AP) — Izzy the Atlanta Olympics mascot has undergone a substantial makeover since first being unveiled by organisers of the 1996 Centennial Games.

But with the holiday season looming, consumers are likely to see much more of the blue, bug-eyed creature. Over the next two months, the Altanta Committee for the Olympic Games plans a

promotional surge to transform Izzy into a national star. especially among ehildren 10 and under.

"This holiday is going to be a good holiday for us," said Holly Rawlinson, programme director for character licensing. "...He is getting national exposure... we took

a character that bad a rough start... and evolved him into something we're very proud

Izzy already has logged more than 3,000 appearinces, ranging from a home depot opening in suburban Atlanta to a coin show in Singapore. Another animated television special is planned, as are video games and a comic strip.

ACOG officials don't have breakdown for Izzy sales, but overall they expect \$1 billion in licensed merchan-dise sales, much of which will be used to help pay for the Atlanta Games. So far, sales have totalled about \$250 mil-

Key for ACOG is wbether holiday shoppers in this country and abroad come to like the mascot enough to buy

Much has been done to promote Izzy and boost sales of products bearing his like-

He appears in public service announcements for the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

* He starred in August in an animated special on Ted Turner's TNT network.

☆ Two Izzy promotions have run in Sports Illustrated

* Izzy's character appears in amusement theme parks. Still to come is animated TV special. Both it and the earlier version will be released on videotape in the

second year.

Retailers have plenty of lzzy items to choose from, including lapel pins, cups, pencils, temporary tattoos and plush toys. Izzy also is "morphed" into basketballs, soccer balls and baseballs.

now and the games.

Parma, PSG assume command

EUROPEAN SOCCER

PARIS (AFP) — An exciting 3-2 home victory in their derby match against Cagliari late Sunday kept depleted AC Milan level-pegging with Parma on top of the Italian first division while Argentinian midfielder Diego Simeone ensured Atletico Madrid re-tained their lead in Spain by scoring the only goal of their match at Real Zaragoza.

But in France, Paris St. Germain, 3-2 home winners over Nice, took over on top of the table from Metz, who crashed to their second defeat in as many weeks when they were beaten 1-0 at Bas-

And in Germany mighty Bayern Munich suffered humiliation when they were thrashed 4-1 by Eintracht Frankfurt to lose and losing top slot to champions Borus-sia Dortmund who ran out 3-0 winners over Fortuna Dusseldorf.

European champions Ajax lost their first points of the season but kept their unbeaten record with a 1-1 home draw against PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch first division. Ajax had won 12 straight going into Sunday's

AC Milan, playing without injured star strikers George Weah and Roberto Baggio, started like an express train and were 2-0 up after just fifteen minutes after Di Canio and Lentini had found the Cagliari net.

Oliveira pulled one back for the visitors after half-an-hour but AC Milan added another goal through Simone three minutes into the second-half.

But the home side let things slip in the second-half and when Oliveira slotted home a 68th minute penalty it left Milan an uncomfortable final 20 minutes.

Parma, thanks to a goal in each half, beat struggling Cremonese 2-0 away to stay level with Milan --- but champions Juventus slumped to a 1-0 defeat at Udinese.

Parma, whose 4-0 (4-3 on aggregate) victory over Swedes Halmstad on Thursday proved to be the biggest comeback of the European Cup Winners Cup competi-tion, looked impressive at Cremonese.

Defender Fabio Cannavaro, signed from Napoli in the summer, scored the first goal in the 13th minote while Italian international playmaker Gianfranco Zola, also and Rai of Paris St. Germain a former Napoli player, sea-led the victory in the 74th

Juventus, all conquering in their Champions League group, crashed to a goal by German striker Olivier Bierhoff, who was signed from Ascoli in the summer.

It was Bierhoff's seventh goal of the campaign and it left Juventus six points adrift of the leaders. Fiorentina leap-frogged

into second place above Lazio by beating the Rome club 2-0 at home. Lazio, 4-0 victors over Juventus last Sunday, had clearly not recovered from

their surprise home defeat to

French elub Lyon in the mid-

week UEFA Cup match. Argentina's World Cup 1994 star striker Gabrielle Batistuta scored twice in the 46th and 79th minute to seal

Roma's Abel Balbo, Batis-

tuta's World Cup striker part-

ner, scored the first in his

side's 2-0 defeat of bottom

elub Padova. Uruguayan

striker Daniel Fonseca scored

the second in the 67th mi-

Paris St. Germain got off

to a bad start at the Parc des Princes when Paul Le Guen

scored an own-goal after only 10 minutes. But spurred on

by an energetic midfield, the

home side regained control

and sealed victory with two goals from comeback kid

Julio Cesar Dely Valdes and one from the Brazilian Rai. Nice did score a second

through James Debbah after

56 minutes, but the sending

off of Jerome Gnak after 45

minutes left them with a

outstanding week for Luis Fernandez' side following

their win over Metz last

weekend and their 3-0 drub-

bing of Glasgow Celtic in

midweek to reach the quarter

finals of the Cup Winners

In Sunday's other match,

Strasbourg got over their dis-

appointments at losing to AC

Milan in the UEFA Cup on

Wednesday by trouncing Cannes 3-0 at home with

goals from Sauzee, Leboeuf

and Zitelli. Drobnjak's win-

ner for Bastia against Metz

was his 11th of the season and

kept him atop the goalscorers

table ahead of Dely Valdes

Atletico's victory was

who both have 10.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

showing most interest. Meanwhile, Parma have decided to

keep striker Filippo Inzaghi, who they were due to sell to Napoli, after the 22-year-old scored two crucial goals last

ROME (AFP) — Roberto Baggio's return to international duty for Italy has been delayed by a recurring ankle injury. Baggio said he was ready to play for his country again after scoring two goals against French opponents Strasbourg last week to put AC Milan into the UEFA Cup third round.

But the injury in training, which forced him to miss Milan's league match with Cagliary on Sunday, meant national coach Arrigo Sacchi had to overlook him when he named a

squad of 20 here on Monday for Italy's last two European

OAKLAND (AFP) - Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva won

her third title of the year, beating unseeded Ai Sugiyama of Japan 6-3, 6-4, to win the 430,000-dollar WTA Bank of the West Classie. The second seed won for the first time since

the Kremlin Cup Championships in Russia in September. It was Maleeva's sixth final of the year. Maleeva also eliminated 15-year-old prodigy Venus Williams in the quarterfinals on Friday, winning the first 15 points. The event was hit hard by injuries.

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Baggio heartbreak for Italy

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Maleeva wins Oakland

The victory rounded off an

mountain to climb.

matched by wins by both Barcelona and Espanol. Barcelona were impressive

4-1 winners over struggling newcomers Salamanca. With coach Johan Cruyff serving his touchline ban, two of his foreign recruits from the summer showed the home fans that it was money well

Romanian sweeper Georhe Popescu, signed from English Premiership side Spurs, scored twice in the 11th and 33rd minutes, the latter a penalty. Bosnian striker Mebo Kodro, signed from Spanish rivals Real Sociedad, had made it 2-0 in the 22nd minute.

The Catalan's midfielder Oscar made it four in the 50th and stunned Salamanca replied with a consolation effort from Romanian mid-

fielder Ovidiu Stinga

Barcelona's neighbours

Espanol were not upstaged,

however, beating Spanish Cup holders Deportivo La

Coruna 1-0 away. Serbian midfielder Branko Brnovic

scored in the 50th minute to

give Deportivo's Welsh

Coach John Toshaek some

worries over a poteotial re-

legation battle. Deportivo,

runnersup in the cham-

pionship the last two seasons.

lie only five points clear of the zone — 15 behind Atleti-

Champions Real Madrid's

slow start to the season

appears behind them after a

3-2 home win over Real Sociedad — lifting them to

sixth 11 points behind Atleti-

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Sociedad had fought back

from 2-0 down, young scoring

sensation Raul and De-

nmark's Michael Laudrup the

Madrid scorers, with goals

from De Pedro and striker

In Germany, Mathias Hag-

ner and skipper Manfred

Binz got two gopals each for

Eintracht to sink Bayern,

who finished the match with

scored Bayern's only goal,

bringing the score back to 2-1

before Eintracht's Croatian

defender Ivica Mornar was

given his marching orders.

Defender Thomas Helmer

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ner and Binz both strike again late in the game.

Bayern coach Otto Rela

hagel said: "I realised right from the start that Eintracht were going to have one of

After a record-breaking seven consecutive victories Rehhagel's team have now ost three of their last five

Dortmund, by contrast, continue to soar away after poor start to the campaign They ran out 3-0 winners over Fortuna Dusseldorf with in-form 23-year-old Heiko Herrlich getting his seventh of the season. The victory means Dortmund an level on 27 points with Bayern but ahead on goal

average. Dortmund coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said: "We were very lucky in the first quarter of a hour, but after the first goal we had the match under con-

Another 23-year-old strik er in the news is SC Karl sruhe's South African Sean Dundee, who scored for the third match running in a 2-2 draw with FC Kaiserslautem Werder Bremen, last season's league runners-up, drew 1-1 with VFB Stuttgan while Swiss playmaker Alain Sutter, who moved to bottom club Freiburg from Bayen Munich last month, score

the late equaliser in their 1-1 draw with Uerdingen. SV Hamburg, winless be-fore former international Uwe Seeler took over as president last month continued their amazing renaiss-

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Bayer Leverkusen was then third consecutive wio, bringing a total of 10 points in the four games since the change which also saw Felix Magath appointed the new coach. From 17th in the table second from bottom — Hamburg have since moved up to

seventh. Instead of relega-

tion, they can now aim for a place in the UEFA Cup next Third-placed Borussia Moenchengladbach, with 22 points, play Schalke 94; on Sunday.

In London, Blackburn Rovers, whose Europea Cup hopes have been snuffed out in the Champions' League, suffered another reverse on Sunday when they But instead of watching a were beaten 1-0 at Everton is sudden collapse, the 57,000 their sorry English Premier crowd at Frankfurt saw Hag-

Rockets edge Suns

Brolin wants to play in England ROME (AFP) - Parma's Swedish international forward Tomas Brolin wants to join the other Scandinavian exiles in the English Premiership, and could be heading for Leeds. The 26-year-old, who has failed to find a first-team place this season, has asked Parma to release him, the Italian press said on Monday. Determined to play English football, Brolin has already turned down a move within the Calcio to Bari. Leeds United are the elub reportedly

Hakeem Olajuwon had 24 en route to NBA titles.

points and eight assists, Sam Cassell added 16 points, and Horry and Mario Elie had 14 apiece for Houston. Kevin Johnson and A.C.

Green each shot 1-of-10 for Phoenix, which is 0-2 for the

PHOENIX (R) — Robert Horry helped shut down In Vancouver's NBA de Charles Barkley in the fourth quarter and sank a go-ahead three-pointer with 3:29 to play as the Houston Rockets edged the Phoenix Suns 106-104 on Sunday.

points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who have eliminated the Suns from the playoffs the last two seasons Clyde Drexler had 21

but, fans got a bonus, m overtime victory when Chris King's follow basket at the buzzer lifted the expansion Grizzlies past the Minoesota Timberwolves 100-98 — and to their second win in a many games.
In Portland, Clifford

Robinson scored six of his 25 points in a key 13-3 run as the Trail Blazers rallied to defeat

the Utah Jazz 109-105.

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Polynice scored 23 points and
Mitch Richmond added 18 to lead the Kings to a 99-82 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers, their second straight win.

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Carolina cornerhack Tim McKyer, a former 49er, returned an interception 96 yards for a touchdown and John Kasay kicked a pair of field goals for the expansion Panthers in a slunning 13-7 victory over the 49ers.

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"We're hurting," 49ers' defensive hack Tim McDonald said. "I thought it couldn't get any worse."

The triumph was the fourth in a row by the Panthers (4-5), who equalled the most victories ever for a debuting team by winning their fourth in a row.

"It seems like one of the more improbable things to come in as a rookie and beat the world champion on their home turf. Today it happened," Panthers' quarter-back Kerry Collins said.

The 49ers (5-4) struggled on offence again after falling 11-7 last week at New Orleans. The second straight defeat dropped the injuryweakened 49eres one game behind Atlanta in the NFC West division.

Quarterback Steve Young is sidelined with a hruised shoulder and rusher William Floyd is out for the season with torn knee ligaments. Young, sidelined with a bruised shoulder, returns next week when the 49ers moments," Browns' blocker

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play arch-foe Dallas.

"Nobody expects us to win next week," Samoan-born 49ers' blocker Jesse Sapolu said. "We're going to go out and give it our best shot," the downhearted guard added.

The stunner overshadowed the continued success of Kansas City. Marcus Allen and Kimble Anders rushed for touchdowns and Steve Bono threw for another to lead the Chiefs past Washington 24-3.

The Chiefs are now a league-best 8-1 but the Dallas Cowboys could match that record with a home victory Monday over Philadelphia Allen scored on a one-

yard run. Bono threw a 19yard pass to Willie Davis early in the second quarter Bono completed 21 of 37 for how we played," defen-

Tony Jones said. "It was so were both injured and defensive end Reggie White suf-feted a sprained tight knee. embarrassing. How can you hold your head up when you play that way?"

Jeff George threw for 362 Browns' owner Art Modell yards and a touchdown and Alton Montgomery returned was not in his box to watch an interception 71 yards for a score to lead Atlanta past Detroit 34-22. George com-Cleveland's fourth loss in five games. Extra security guards were on hand but faced no pleted 31-of-40 passes and problem in a city where fans sparked the Falcons to a 27-0 who have supported the club

"I wasn't thinking about Jim Kelly threw a 51-yard the possibility of a move." Browns' guard Boh Dahl touchdown to Bill Brooks and Steve Christie kicked said. "We can't hlame this on three field goals for Buffalo in a 16-10 victory at Indiana-Houston's Chris Chandler

Norm Johnson's 24-yard field goal in over-time gave Pittsburgh a 37-34 tnumph

over Chicago. Brian Blades scored on two touchdown passes by Rick Mirer in the first quarter and the Seattle Seahawks hung on to beat the New York Giants

30-28. Rookie Curtis Martin rushed for a career-high 140 yards and two touchdowns and New England defeated the New York Jets 20-7. Doug Brien kicked four field goals in his New Orleans debut and the Saints won 19-10 over St. Louis.

Miami retained a share of the AFC East division lead with a 24-14 victory at San Diego. Dan Marino threw for two touchdowns and moved within 37 yards of matching the NFL career passing record of 47,003 set by Fran Tarkenton. He also needs four touchdown passes to the game. Quarterback Brett equal Tarkenton's career

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passes for 201 yards. Anders scored the ooly points of the second half on a 40-yard touchdown run.

Oakland remained one game behind the Chiefs in the AFC West with a 20-17 victory at Cincinnati. Harvey Williams rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown and the Raiders' defence had four sacks and two turnovers.

A booing Cleveland crowd of 57,000 watched Houston inflict a 37-10 rout on the Browns, who are expected to announce Monday they are moving to Baltimore.

"I have been here eight years and that ranks right up there as one of the worst

clobs, it might seem that the fate of the contract hinges on the finesse in that suit. If declarer relies on the finesse, however, the contract will

fail. West can win and enit with a club whether or not the hearts have been stripped from both the closed hand and dummy, and the defend-ers will collect another club trick in

der Antonio Langham said. John Elway completed 16 of 21 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns to spark Denver past Arizona 38-6. His scoring throws were one. 23 and 47 yards. Elway be-came only the seventh NFL

quarterback - and second of

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"Distractions are an easy

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career passing yards.
Minnesota's Warren Moon also passed the milestone. He connected with Jake Reed on two passes for 45 yards in the final minute to set up Fuad Reveiz's 39-yard field goal as time expired for a 27-24 victory over Green Bay.

The Packers lost more than Favre and backup Ty Detmer mark of 342.

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ers will collect another club trick in the fullness of time. West's diamond overcall almost surely places the ace of diamonds in that hand, and declarer can put that knowledge to good use. The key card in the scheme of things becomes the table's king of dia-monds, in which suit declarer has a learn

no lose!

After winning the opening lead in dummy, declarer ruffs a diamond in hand, crosses to the king of hearts and-ruffs another diamond. After cashing the ace and queen of hearts, declarer crosses to the hoard with a trump and leads the king of diamonds, discarding a club from hand instead of ruffing. That leaves West with a choice of losing options: a club return will be into declarer's major tenace, and a red suit allowed declarer to ruff in dumany while discarding the queen of clubs from hand. Sither way, declarer's

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'Graf's father beat her'

FRANKFURT (AP) — Steffi Graf's father, who is jailed on allegations of evading taxes on the tennis champ's earnings, allegedly beat and kicked her during training, Der Spiegel magazine said Sunday.

Quoting a former close associate of the Graf family, Horst Schmidt, Spiegel said the 57-year-old Peter Graf "treated her like a dog," when they were once at a training camp in Spain. In one incideot, Graf kicked his daughter when she dropped something and was kneeling down to pick it up. Spiegel quoted Schmidt as saying.

Spiegel said that Schmidt had told his story to tax fraud investigators on Aug. 21, almost two weeks after Graf was arrested oo the grounds that he was likely to flee prosecutioo. Spiegel said that before Schmidt saw the kick, he had oot taken Peter Graf seriously when the father would come down from the hotel room and say, "I've just now smacked ber."

The magazine quoted Schmidt as saying that when he saw the kick, he warned Peter Graf, "you'll only do that ooe time." Schmidt was quoted as saying he never again witnessed Graf striking his daughter. According to Spiegel, Schmidt told investigators

he did not break off his connection with the Graf family because he wanted to protect the tennis player. Schmidt was an authotrying to hlackmail him with it, the Magazine reported.

and the froot company, Advantage, io Liechten-stein, through which millions of marks were funneled out Germany, Spiegel reported. Schmidt was also the au-

thorised agent for a Graf account in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, worth 30 million marks (\$21.4 million). Spiegel said.

rised agent of the Sunpark

Sports Firm in Amsterdam,

Steffi Graf

Peter Graf later accused Schmidt of first setting up the account in Vaduz, then

As the basis of its report,

Spiegel referred to "severance papers" relating to Schmidt's eventual departure from his joh in 1991. Spiegel said that Peter Graf paid schmidt 750,000

marks (\$528,000) and bad him sign a contract agreeing to strict secrecy regarding all business concerns of the

Steffi Graf, the No. 1 raoked womeo's tennis player, has been questioned twice hy investigators, but the chief prosecutor in the case bas said there are no grounds to arrest ber. .

Peter Graf was arrested Aug. 2 in connection with alleged failure to pay taxes on some 50 million marks (\$35.2 million) of his daughter's earnings over a period of years, according to news reports.

He has not been charged. and remains in investigative custody in Mannheim, along with the family's tax adviser, Joachim Eckart.

Nigeria aim for '97 World Youth Cup

LAGOS (R) — Nigeria is hoping that a FIFA delegation which begins a four-day visit on Tuesday will not only explain why Nigeria lost this year's World Youth Cup, but would also be receptive to the idea of Nigeria hosting the tournament in 1997.

Jim Nwobodo, minister of youth and sport, said the FIFA team, to be led by ësident Joao Havelange on his first-ever Nigerian visit, is coming at the invitation of military ruler general Sani Abacha.

Nigeria was to host the championship last March be-fore the world soccer ruling body cancelled the nights, saying there were outbreaks of cholera and meningitis at two of the venues.

Protests from the West African nation made FIFA temporarily suspend the tournament pending an onthe-spot assessment of the health situation by its medical

The world governing body finally cancelled the hostiog on security grounds despite its medical team giving pass-marks to the health situation in the country.

Qatar eventually hosted

the tournament last April. Malaysia is provisionally bil-led to host the 1997 edition.

But Nigeria sports officials say FIFA should give it a second chance to recoup the losses incurred for not hosting the 1995 tournament.
"We hope FIFA would be kind enough to let us host the

championship in 1997 as a reparation for cancelling our 1995 rights," Nwobodo said. He said giving Malaysia the

hosting rights is flaw.
"FIFA has said no continent can stage two editions of

its competitions consecutively," Nwobodo said.

stage the event in 1997. Both are Asian countries. It is a edition. Now Malaysia is to wrong decision by FIFA," he

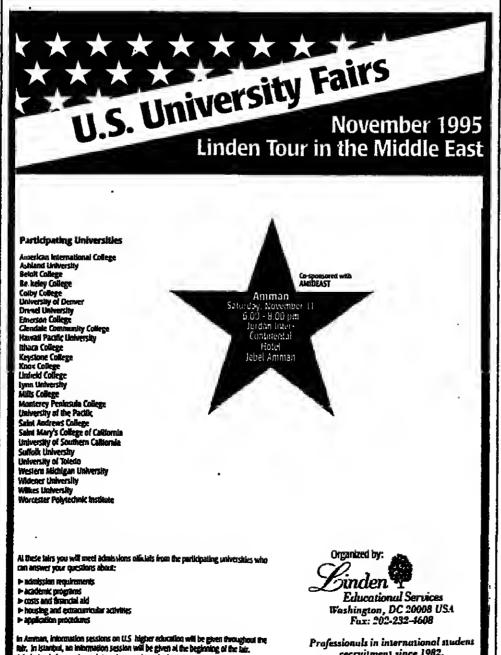
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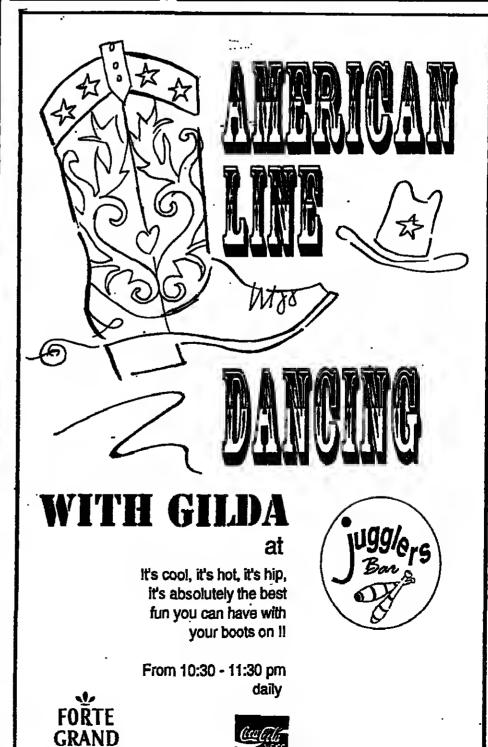
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Suspect says he killed Rabin because premier was setting up Palestine

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The suspected assassin of Yit-zhak Rabin told an Israeli court Monday that he had killed the prime minister because Mr. Rabin "wants to give our country to the Arabs". The judge remanded Yigal Amir into custody for 15 days.

Unshaven and handcuffed, the slightly built Amir was brought before Magistrate courthouse, several hundred metres from the plaza where he allegedly shot Mr. Rabin Saturday night.

"I did this to stop the peace process," he told the judge in a calm, even tone. "We need to be cold hearted."

Amir, 27, a law and computer science studeot, said Mr. Rabin had released Palestinian prisoners from jail and "a few days later" these men killed Jews.

"Interesting how a whole nation doesn't notice that a Palestinian state is starting to be established" as a result of Mr. Rahin's policies, Mr.

Judge Dan Arbel asked him: "And what about the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill?"

But Amir replied: "You have to kill him who is selling off his country. There is a higher imperative, more important (than respecting the commandements), to save buman life

Judge Arbel told the court: "Before me is a suspect in one of the worst crimes ever committed in Israel, possibly the worst committed at all times in this country.

The suspect confesses to the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin... and does not deny that he planned it in advance and did it with a clear mind.

· Police said Amir came out of the crowd in Tel Aviv's Kings of Israel Square and fired three shots with a Beretta pistol. Mr. Rabin, hit in the back and stomach, died on the operating table some 90 minutes later. The third bullet wounded a bodyguard.

Amir was arrested in July for taking part in violent protests by Jewish settlers of the Mr. Rabin's peace policies with the Palestinians.

"The nation didn't care that the prime minister was elected by 20 per cent Arabs. I was at the demonstration. It was 50 per cent Arabs. What will you do when there are two million Arabs here? Will we give the state to the

Asked by the judge where he got his ideas, Amir said he drew on the halacha - the Jewish legal code. "According to the halacha, you can kill the enemy. My whole life, I learned halacha. When you kill in war, it is an act that is allowed."

ing to security sources, is that the police were geared to

prevent attacks by Arabs, not

Legal sources said Amir would probably face life im-

prisonment if found guilty. The death penalty, on the

statute book for crimes

against humanity and for

which Adolf Eichmann was

executed 34 years ago, does not apply in civil murder

It was the first assassina-

tion of an Israeli leader in the country's 47-year-old history.

Israeli television stations said the inquiry might be headed by Meir Shamgar, the country's chief justice until

three months ago, or hy re-

tired Lieutenant-General

Moshe Levy, Israel's army

Israel Radio said Mr.

Rahin, shot as he neared his

car after the rally, had max-

imum protection, including

20 guards, yet the gunman was able to get within 1.5 metres of him.

Yaacov Peri, 51, who re-tired as head of Israel's Shin

Bet secret service in February

after nearly three decades.

also called for a state com-

mission of inquiry - "so that

the truth will come out," he

chief in the mid-1980s.

Asked whether be acted alone, Amir told the judge: "It was God."

Amir was wearing the same garb he had on when he was tackled by police after the shooting — the black skullcap of orthodox Jews, jeans and a blue T-shirt. He complained that he bad not been given a towel, nor a toothbrush and soap. "Arab prisoners get more than I

Even though his family has retained an attorney, Amir told Judge Arbel he did not want to be represented by a

The hearing, under tight security, lasted 10 minutes. No spectators were allowed in the courtroom.

Police minister Moshe Shahal called for a state inquiry into how Amir managed to outwit Israel's famed secret service and fire at Mr. Rabin from point-blank



Most **Israelis** oppose early election

TEL AVIV (Agencies) --Two-thirds of Israelis are against holding early elections following the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a public poll said Monday.

Some 64 per cent of people polled by the Dahaf Institute were opposed to bringing forward the date of the elections scheduled for November

Some 30 per cent were in favour while the rest expressed no opinion, in a poll of 505

Foreign minister Shimon Peres was appointed acting premier after Mr. Rabin was killed late Saturday by a Jewish extremist at a peace rally

Under Israeli law, Presiappoint a deputy, most likely Mr. Peres, to form a new

The poll also found that two-thirds of Israelis believe extreme rightwing groups should be outlawed following the murder of Mr. Rabin.

Some 74 per cent of people said such groups should be banned, according to the Dahaf Institute poll pub-lished in the daily Yediot Aharonot.

Only 20 per cent were against while six per cent voiced no opinion. Interior Minister Ehud

Barak told journalists: "We have to wipe out all extremist groups. For that we have to use all our means within the law to cut off at hirth all incitation to violence." But one of the leaders of

the extreme right parliamen-tary group, Rafael Etan, said Rabin should have taken into consideration the threats made against him.

"The buds of violence should have been cut off at the root with an iron hand," said Mr. Etan, a former chief of staff and a personal friend of Mr. Rabin.

The leader of Israel's main opposition Likud Party told extremist Jewish groups in the United States to stay away from his country following the assassination Mr. Rabin.

"Go away, stay away. We don't want you, we don't need you. Benjamin Netanyahu told CBS Television's "60 minutes." referring specifically to the right-wing Jewish Defence League (JDL) in New York. No connection has been

made between the JDL and the killer of Mr. Rabin. Mr. Netanyahu's own Likud Party is strongly critical of the Middle East peace

process but has always stressed that Jews should not shed Jewish blood. The Likud leader said when he attended a rally last month he had heard demon-

strators calling Mr. Rabin a "I lashed out at that very strongly and silenced those cries. I think the responsibil-

ity of leaders is to go against

this type of incitement," Mr. Netanyahu told CBS. "In democracy you change government not by bullets hut by ballots." he added.

Qatari, Omani ministers attend

DUBAI (Agencies) — Ministers from Qatar and Oman made unprecedented visits to Jerusalem on Monday for the funeral of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, speeding up the pace of normalisation between the Gulf Arab states and Israel.

formation and culture, Hamad Abed Aziz Kawari. flew to Israel to pay his respects to Mr. Rabin who was

state for foreign affairs, Yousef Ben Alawi Abdullah, to attend the funeral and esent his country's condolences to the Israeli cabinet.

Mauritania, Mohammad Salem Ould Lekhal, was dispatched by his government to atlend the funeral.

Mr. Ould Lekhal is the most senior Mauritanian official to ever set foot in Israel. the sources confirmed.

Though the two countries

man and again in Madrid. The government in Nouakchott has not released an official reaction to Mr. Rabin's assassination, but the foreign minister emphasised "the need to reinforce" the

Mr. Ben Alawi said the death of Mr. Rahin was a loss for the whole of the Middle 'Rabin's death is a loss for

the entire region," Mr. Ben Alawi told reporters after heing received by Israeli President Ezer Weizman. We came here to express our solidarity with the Israeli people and Rabin's family,

e minister added. Qatar's Kawari said: "We hope that what happened to Rabin will act as a spur to conelude a comprehensive ace in the region.

"Such an objective cannot be achieved without Israel's withdrawal from the Golan Heights," which was seized from Syria in 1967, and from south Lebanon, Mr. Kawari

Although Qatar and Oman do not have diplomatic relations with Israel, both have begun a rapprochment with Jewish state.

Diplomats in the region said the two Gulf countries have a stake in the Arab-Israeli peace process and wanted to show their support for it at a vulnerable time. "There is some concern

undermine the peace process which Qatar is anached to." a Western diplomat in Doha said. "It's necessary to sup-The dispatch of the ministers in itself marked an acceland its interior and foreign ministers met Mr. Rabin for the first time last month in Qatar is also in negotia-tions with the Jewish state to

open an Israeli trade office in Doha. Last month Israel signed a letter of intent 10 buy Qatari liquefied na al gas from the U.S. o mp ly Enron starting in the year Mr. Rabin visited Oman

late last year in a trail-blazing

trip to the region, while Mus-cat announced last month it had agreed with Israel to open trade offices in each other's country, the first such move by a Gulf Arab state. Meanwhile, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — made up of Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the United

Arab Emirates — expressed "regret" over the killing durng a meeting in Muscat on Officially, the GCC is still committed by the Arab League's boycott of Israel but it lifted the indirect boycott last year on thirdcountry firms dealing with

Mr. Ben Alawi, the Omani minister, said Sunday that the GCC was "confident that the peace process would continue" despite the killing which he hoped would "spur the world into uniting its efforts" for peace.

Rabbit-shooter causes royal security scare

WELLINGTON (R) — A farm labourer on his way to shoot rabbits unwittingly caused a security scare when Queen Elizabeth visited the New Zealand city of Dunedin Monday, Television New Zealand said. Police spotted the 18year-old on a motorbike, with a rifle slung over his shoulder, on a route which the queen was due to take about half an hour later to Dunedin Airport. Despite the rabbit-shooting explanation, the police confiscated the weapon for several hours as a precaution.
Thousands of people turned out to cheer the queen and Prince Philip in the South Island city on the sixth day of a 10-day royal tour of New Zealand

Mandela angry over use of prison. letters in book

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela is reportedly angry that letters he seot to his family from prison have been excerpted in a book by his former jailer. The weekly Sunday Times newspaper reported that Mandela has instructed lawyers to investigate a possible breach of copyright in the book, titled Goodbye Bafana, by James Gregory. Mr. Gregory, who built up a friendship with Mandela over 17 years and was at his side during the president's inauguration in May 1995, was the chiefcensor of Mr. Mandela's mail and sat in on his visits. The letters from Mr. Mandela to his wife; Winnie, and daughters Makaziwe and Zindzi poignantly portray his loneliness in prison and frustration at being unable-The Sunday Times quoted Mr. Mandela's lawyer in Britain, Iqbal Meer, as say ing that the book's publishers sought but were denied permission to use the three letters. Mr. Mandela is upsel that Mr. Gregory and others are cashing in on his imprisonment for struggling against white-minority rule, the Sunday Times reported.

French philosopher commits suicide

PARIS (AP) - French philosopher, writer and university Professor Gilles Deleuze bas committed suicide, his family said Deleuze, whom fellow French philosopher Micha Foucault once called "the only philosophical mind in France," died Saturday after jumping out of the window of his apartment in Paris. The 70-year-old author of one of the few bestselling texts of philosopby, The Anti-Oedipus, had suffered for years from serious respiratory illness.

Chinese twins born at five-day interval

BEIJING (AFP) — Chinese womeo, alarmed that her stomach remained swollen after giving birth, receotly found herself having a second child five days after the first twin's arrival, Xinhua reported. The rare incident occurred in October in Wending in China's eastern province of Shandong after Huang Yan consulted the doctor about her swollen abdomen, only to be informed that she had another baby in her womb the report said. Fearing that the placenta had deterioraled and that the mother and child could be in danger. the doctor "called for help and, after some effort" presented Huang with a sec-

Peres' options - caretaking until November or snap poll?

Israeli police officers escort Yigal Amir to his court

hearing in Tel Aviv on Monday accused of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Sarah Houig of the Jerusalem Post newspaper filed this

its final farewell to Prime around in politics, and he Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the shaken political arena was already rife with speculation about what a new govern-ment headed by Shimon Peres would look like, how long it would serve, and how large a coalinon could be put together.

Early elections?

Some hesitant voices inside the Labour Party began Sunday to cautiously test the notion of advancing the elections by several months. perhaps to late spring. This could have significant advantages for Labour, some point out. The economie situation appears suitable. There is a general sense of prosperity. The security situation is relatively calm and the PLO could be prevailed upon to do its utmost to help Peres.

The government could capitalise on the completion of a phase of its dealings with Arafat, without yet embarking on the far rockier road ahead. The Syrians could be placed on the back hurner. postponing further controversy and depriving The Third Way of a major plank of its platform.

But most of all, the new government could capitalise in a big way on the sympathy the Rabin assassination could generate. It could present the peace process in an entirely different light, and it can blame the Likud for the assassination and hopefully bury it under a backlash of

But this view is countered by those who point out that Peres is no novice; he knows

AS ISRAEL prepared to bid how fast things can turn would rather have a full year's tenure than gamble

Peres, it is noted, was the most vehement cahinet opponent of early elections. Moreover, he does oot

know what opposition he may encounter within the party. He assumed that Haim Ramon will rush back to the party, but Ramon may seek the party nomination for premier. Ramon had promised not to challenge Rabin, hut his relations with Peres have been acrimonious. If Ramon decides to do this, then Ehnd wings and not throw his hat in the ring. Peres must watch his

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considerations. The parties are only beginning to gear op for the primaries, and the Interior Ministry is far from ready to handle a quick elee-

How big a coalition?

Shas's Arych Deri has again seized the opportunity to stir the political cauldron. On Sunday, he proposed a broad coalition, perhaps one of national unity. No one in Labour has ruled this out. In the Likud, there was reluctance to handle this hot potato, but no one tossed it away. In some Labour quarters.

the betting is that Peres will make overtures to form a broader coalition, but without the Likud. He might seek to enlist

Shas and United Torah Juda-

shock might help Peres, but the internal strife in both haredi parties may complicate his task.

A cabinet reshuffle

Of all possible scenarios, Labour insiders believe, at least initially, the most likely is that Peres will keep the government as nearly intact as he can to avoid political aftershocks. As is, great tension is already mounting in Labour, since the centre of power has shifted.

Despite the recent appearance of harmony, there remains fierce competition between the Rahin and Peres camps. and Rahin loyalists feel the ground crumbling under them. Those who abandoned Peres and switched to Rahin, like Police Minister Moshe Shahal, have even greater political wor-

Rabin left a vacuum that will cause unavoidable shifts inside the cabinet, unless Peres decides 10 keep both the Foreign and Defence portfolios in addition to the premiership.

The betting is that pressure from below will prevent him from doing this. Barak will want Defence, but since he is not a Peres man, Peres may not be happy to hand it over. Doing so would vacate Interior for Ramon, another man Peres does not like, but cannot turn away.

Ramon may not like the leg-up which Defence would give Barak, and Peres may not like either too near the top. This may provide further incentive for Peres to expand the coalition and create the need to hand portfolios to people outside Labour, who pose no threat.

funeral and pay tribute to Rabin Doha started making pub-lic contact with Israel in 1994

Qatar's minister of in-

gunned down by a Jewish assassin on Saturday. Oman sent its minister of

The foreign minister of

do not have diplomatic relations, Mr. Ould Lekhal has met with his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres on two occasions in third countries in recent months, once in Am-

Middle East peace process and the official press deplored "the death of a great

Combined agency dispatches

HARDLINERS ON both

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Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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Settlers, Palestinian camp residents hold celebrations

"He got what he deserved," said settler Arie Bar

victory against the peace pro-In the 'Ain Al Hilwch camp in Lehanon, Palestinian Jew: "It was a Kiddouch militants from Islamic Jihad group hurned an effigy of Mr. Rabin to mark his funeral in

Arab.

Jerusalem. Around 15 armed Palestinians brought the cloth dnll to the main square of the refugee camp, poured kerosene on the effigy and set it ablaze in celebration.

"We're doing this because we're happy Rabin the tyrant is dead although his killer is a Jew," one of them said. The militants recited verses from the Koran, applauded and shouted God is great" as

the effigy burned to cinders. Thousands of Palestinian refugees in 'Ain Al Hilwehthe largest of 12 camps in Lebanon with a population of around 70,000 — danced and sang in the streets and fired guns and rockets after a Jewish fanalic killed Mr. Rabin

on Saturday.
Islamie Jihad accused Mr. Rabin of personally ordering the killing of their leader. Fathi Shaqaqi, on Oct. 26 in Malta and has vnwed to keep up the armed struggle against Israel despite Mr. Rahin's

A few settlers from the right-wing Kiryat Arha settlement in Hebron in West Bank gathered at the tomh of their "brother" Baruch Goldstein, the settler who coldly gunned down at least 30 Palestinians praying at the Hebron mosque in February

Yossef, 38, with a long greying beard, referring to Mr. Rahin. "He was leading his people to suicide." Mr. Yossef said he was particularly happy that Mr. Rahin was assassinated by a

Hachem, a sanctification in the name of God." David Ben Avraham, 44, another settler, said: "I would have been very unhappy if he had been killed by an

"Finally, the Jewish people can become a true nation, and not solely a simple reli-gious community." he said, explaining the murder of a "traitor" as a "saered" right of expression.

"It's the greatness and pride of the Jewish people," fr. Avraham said. Both men said that Yigal Amir, who said he shot Mr. Rabin Saturday in the name

'extremist." "He was a proper young man, a 27-year-old law student, perfectly integrated into the establishment," Mr. Yossef said with a smile.

of God, was anything but an

"If he was from Kiryat Arba, we would have again been the victims of a real witchhunt," said Mr. Avra-ham, adding that Amir was "one of theirs and not one of ours," as he was from Herzliya, north of Tel Aviv. and

not from a settlement. Lebanese Hizbollah guerrillas said they rocketed Israeli troops in the Jewish state's self-declared security

Mr. Rabin's funeral got underway in Israel.

Guerrillas fired machine guns and rockets at Israeli troops in the central sector of the 850-square-kilometre zone, "scoring a direct hit," the group said in a statement. It said the arrack occurred at 1:30 p.m. (1130 GMT).

Lebanese newspapers.

politicians and Muslim leaders recalled the "dark side" of Mr. Rahin, reviling his memory for pounding its villages and breaking the bones of Palestinian children. Although Israel's prime minister was killed by a fel-low Israeli, Muslim clerics from South Lebanon said he

reaped the fruit of the "ter-rorism" he practised against their land. "Rahin's file is full of hatred and terrorism... he who cooks poison eats it." Shiite Mufti Sheikh Abdur Air Qabalan said in a speech published on Monday. Sheikh Qabalan comes from a southern village occu-

pied hy Israeli troops who invaded Lebanon in 1978 and Parliamentary deputies from the south, where villa-gers suffer daily Israeli bombardment in retaliation for attacks by guerrillas on Israeli troops occupying the

border zone, also condemned Mr. Rabin's memory.
"We'll never forget the terrorism practised by Rabin and his colleagues in South Lebanon, western Bekaa, and Golan Heights, aid Shiite Deputy Ahmad Ajami from the southern port of

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